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"The FLYING
BATMAN!"



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IT'S EASY SELLING TO
YOUR FRIENDS - AND YOU
GIVE 'EM THESE SWELL ART
PICTURES -

JUMPIN' JUPITER!
YOU'RE SURE
SIZZLING TH'
OL' ROCKET
TODAY, TED!

THAT'S
FOR ME!

WE ARE RELIABLE!

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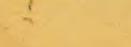
Watches,
Baking Sets,

Typewriters,
etc.

ACT NOW!

Lucite
Dresser
Sets, Cook
Books, etc.

LET'S
GO!





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ONE AFTERNOON, AS YOUNG DICK GRAYSON RETURNS FROM SCHOOL, TO THE HOME OF HIS GUARDIAN, MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE...

AND HOW DID SCHOOL GO TODAY, DICK?

OKAY. BUT PRETTY QUIET. I'D MUCH RATHER WE HAD SOME ACTION AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!



MOMENTS LATER, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE, AS THE TWO DESCEND A SECRET STAIRCASE AND ENTER THE FAMED BAT-CAVE AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!

THE BAT-SIGNAL HASN'T FLASHED.. AND THE POLICE RADIO IS QUIET...

THAT MEANS WE'LL MAKE OUR USUAL PATROL OF THE CITY--JUST IN CASE SOME CRIME IS STIRRING...



AND, A FEW HOURS LATER...

BATMAN! THAT BIG MAN! HE WAS ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY AND WHEN HE SPOTTED US, HE STARTED TO RUN!

HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! LET'S CLOSE IN!



(COUGH!) GAS! HE'S DROPPED A BOMB, TO DIVERT US!

AN OLD DODGE! QUICKLY--GET THE NOSE FILTERS OUT OF YOUR UTILITY BELT! GAS WON'T STOP US!



AND THEN, JUST WHEN THE LAWMEN ARE ABOUT TO DIVE AT THEIR FOE, THEY RECEIVE THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES!

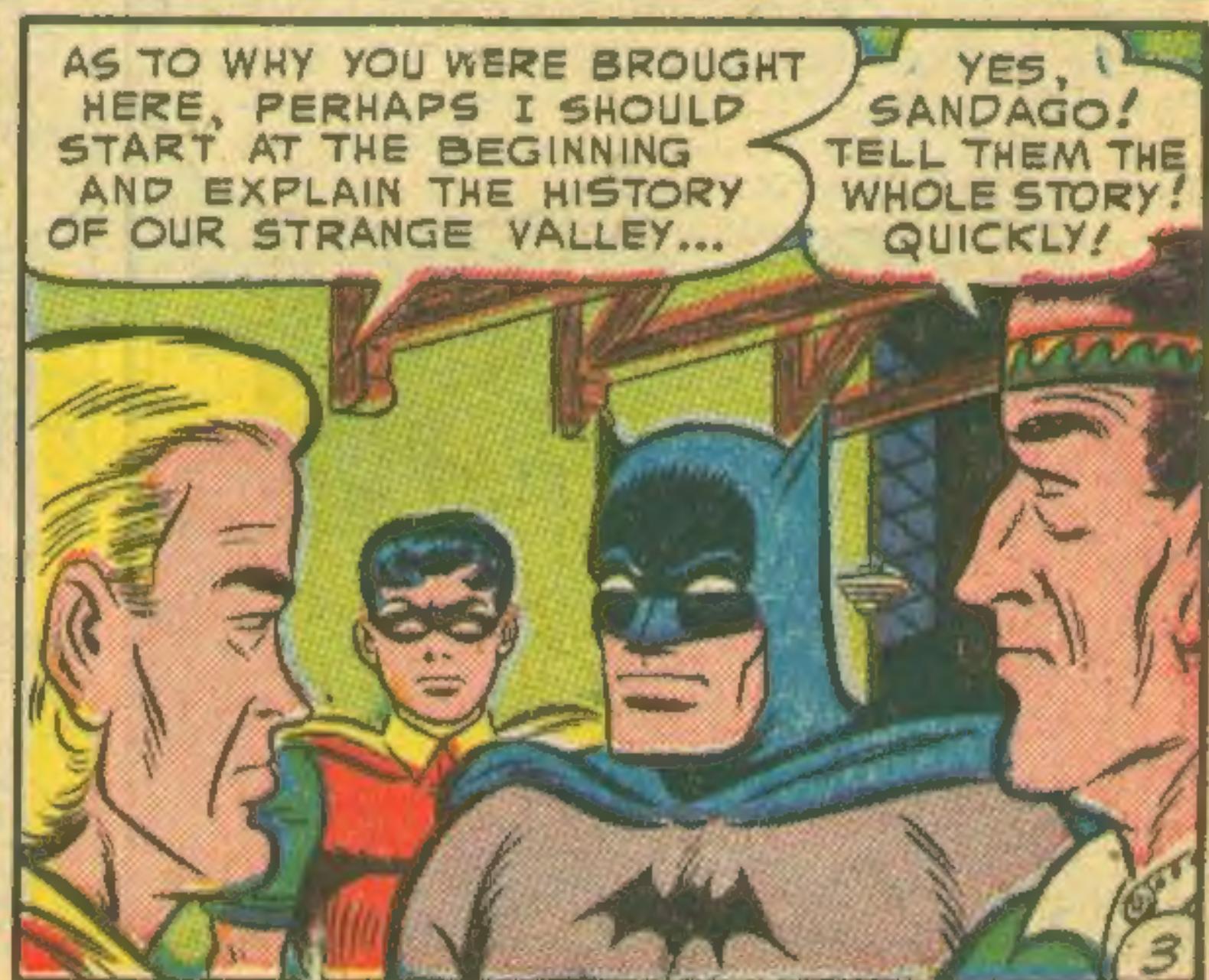
ARE WE SEEING THINGS? ARE WE GROGGY FROM THAT GAS?



IT CAN'T BE, BUT IT IS! HE'S DISCARDED HIS CAPE AND HAS WINGS! HE'S FLYING-- LIKE A BIRD!



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(SANDAGO'S STORY): "LONG AGO, OUR FOREFATHERS DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF GRAFTING WINGS ON MAN WHICH ENABLED HIM TO FLY LIKE A BIRD..."

YOUR OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL, DOCTOR! SEE HOW GRACEFULLY THEY FLY!

YES, BUT THE OPERATION REQUIRES VAST QUANTITIES OF SERUM ALPHA. WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO BUILD UP OUR SUPPLY OF THE SERUM...

'FOR YEARS WE KNEW PEACE, ALTHOUGH LOST FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD, WE PROSPERED. AND THEN CAME BARON GRAVIO ...'

NOW THEY FLY, YES. BUT ONE DAY ONLY THE GRAVIO FAMILY WILL FLY! HA-HA! AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, MY DESCENDANTS WILL RULE THIS VALLEY!



"RUTHLESSLY, BARON GRAVIO SET OUT TO CORNER THE SUPPLY OF SERUM ALPHA-- AND TO CONTROL ITS MANUFACTURE. THREE GENERATIONS LATER, HIS DESCENDANTS HAD SUCCEDED..."

BUT MY DEAR COUNT GRAVIO-- YOU MUST RELEASE THE SERUM TO OUR PEOPLE! I AM THE LAST OF THE BIRD-MEN--EXCEPT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAVIO CLAN! WE HAVE BECOME EXTINCT!

WHICH IS AS IT SHOULD BE, YOU OLD FOOL! NOW GET OUT!

"THEN BEGAN A REIGN OF TERROR UNEQUALLED IN OUR HISTORY. WE WERE POWERLESS TO COPE WITH THE SLASHING ATTACKS OF THE WINGED GRAVIOS..."



OUR COFFERS ARE NEARLY EMPTY! WE NEED MORE CURRENCY AND GOLD! HA-HA!



THAT BRINGS US TO THE PRESENT, BATMAN. WE DESPERATELY NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN BRING THE GRAVIOS TO JUSTICE. EVEN IN THIS REMOTE PART OF THE WORLD, WE HEARD OF YOU. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!

BUT-- WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?

I AM A GRAVIO, BATMAN--THE ONE MEMBER OF THE CLAN TO DESERT IN HORROR OF THEIR CRIMINAL WAYS! I SMUGGLED OUT SERUM ALPHA--ENOUGH FOR ONE OPERATION! WE PROPOSE TO GIVE YOU WINGS, BATMAN--SO THAT YOU MAY FLY AGAINST THE GRAVIOS!

!!! !!!





BATMAN



SOON AFTER...

THE OPERATION, WHILE DELICATE, IS NOT SERIOUS, **BATMAN**. AND LATER, THE WINGS CAN BE REMOVED WITHOUT LEAVING A SINGLE TELL-TALE SCAR!

HMM. I CAN SEE BY YOUR GRAVE FACES THAT EVEN IF I REFUSED, YOU'D FORCE ME INTO THE OPERATION. ALL RIGHT-- LET'S GET ON WITH IT!

THAT NIGHT, BEHIND A HEAVY VEIL OF SECRECY, TWO SKILLED SURGEONS BEND TO THEIR TASK. FINALLY...

HAVE NO FEARS, SANDAGO! ALL WENT WELL. IN A FEW HOURS, THIS **BATMAN** WILL BE ABLE TO FLY LIKE A BAT!

YES! WE WERE CAREFUL TO GIVE HIM THE WINGS OF HIS NAMESAKE!



AND AS DAWN COMES UP OVER THE LOST VALLEY...

THERE HE IS-- **BATMAN**, WITH REAL WINGS! HE'S GOING TO TAKE OFF!

YES! HE MUST PRACTICE A LITTLE, TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO HIS WINGS! BUT I DARE SAY **BATMAN** WILL LEARN VERY QUICKLY!

HE FLIES! SEE HOW EASILY HE FLIES!

BRAVO! THERE'S A SIGHT TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE GRAVOS!

AND WHEN **BATMAN** HAS FINISHED HIS TEST-FLIGHT...

GOSH, **BATMAN**-- THAT WAS TERRIFIC! BUT IT SURE MAKES ME FEEL HELPLESS! I WISH I HAD WINGS!

NONSENSE! ON THIS ASSIGNMENT I'M GOING TO NEED CLOSE GROUND SUPPORT! NOW LISTEN-- WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME...

LATE THAT AFTERNOON, AS **BATMAN** PATROLS THE VALLEY...

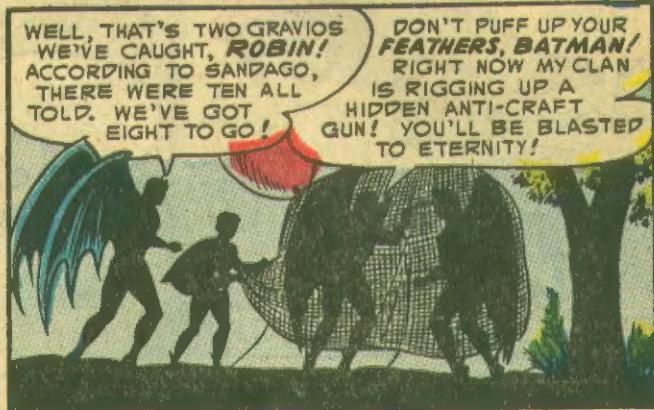
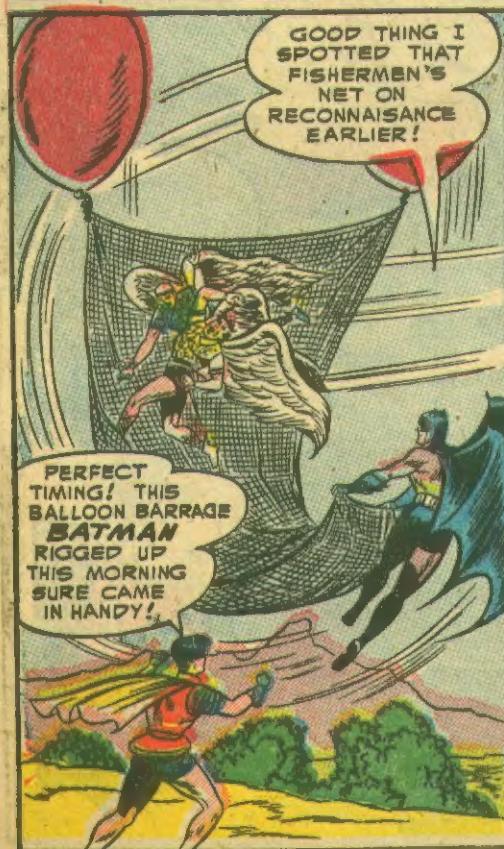
LOOK! TWO OF THE GRAVOS! THEY'VE SPOTTED **BATMAN**-- AND THEY'RE READY TO ATTACK!



BATMAN TO ROBIN! BATMAN TO ROBIN! STAND BY!

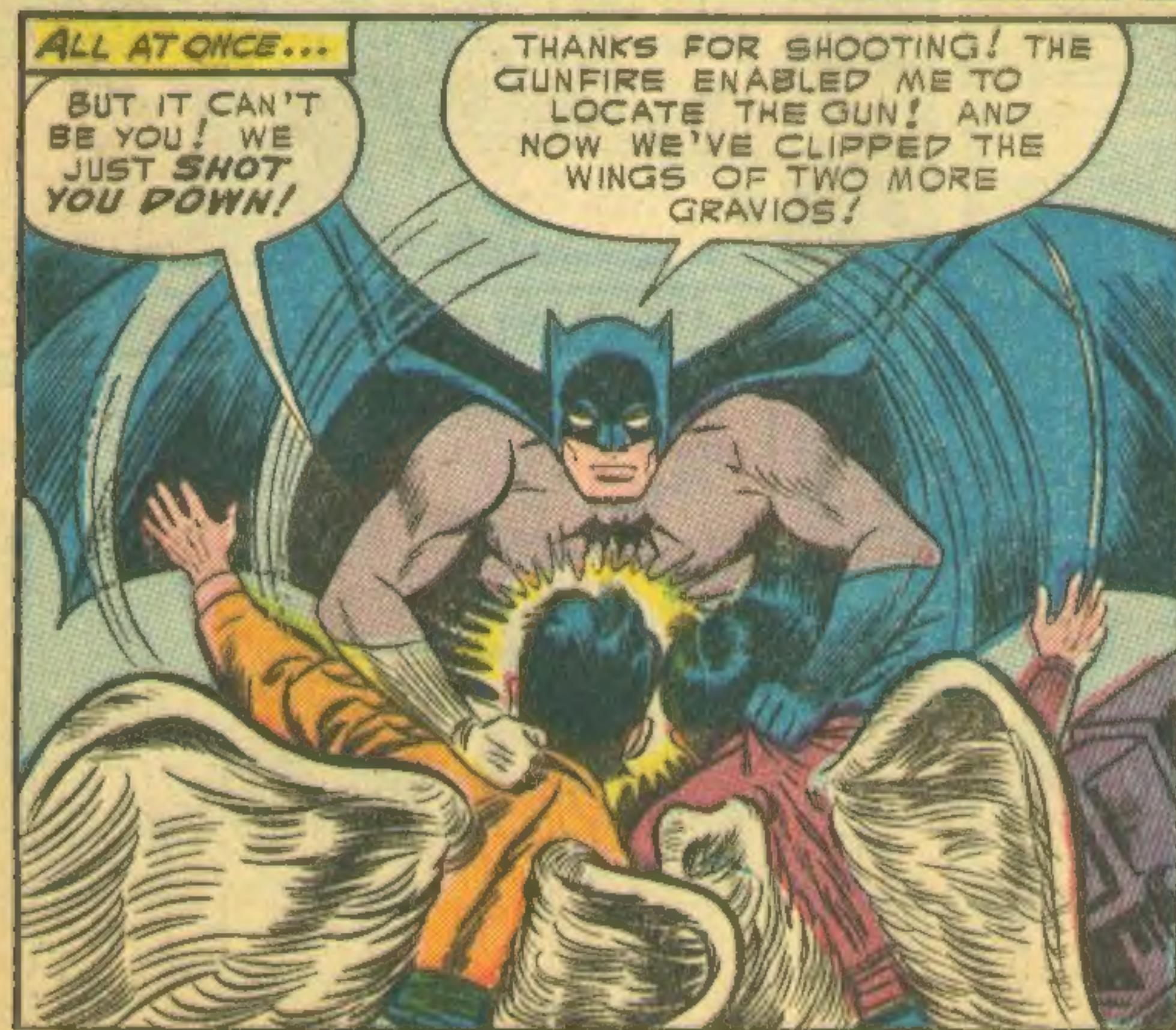


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THAT EVENING...

TONIGHT IS AN EVIL NIGHT,
BATMAN-- THE ANNIVERSARY
OF BARON GRAVIO'S DEATH.
TONIGHT THE CLAN WILL BE
OUT IN FORCE, RAINING
TERROR ON US ALL!

IT'S A YEARLY
RITUAL. FIRST
THEY GATHER IN
THE CASTLE FOR
A SUMPTUOUS
BANQUET-- THEN,
NEAR MIDNIGHT,
THEY STRIKE!

ROBIN, THIS IS OUR CHANCE
TO GET THEM ALL TOGETHER!
WE WON'T WAIT FOR THE
GRAVIOS -- WE'LL
ATTACK FIRST!

GOOD--
LET'S GET
GOING!



MINUTES LATER, AS THE SKIES ABOVE
THE LOST VALLEY PRESENT A SIGHT NEVER
SEEN BEFORE-- A FLYING **BATMAN** WITH
ROBIN AS A PASSENGER!

THERE'S THE GRAVIO
CASTLE, **ROBIN**! NOW
LET'S CAPITALIZE ON
A SURPRISE ATTACK!

LET'S HOPE
THEY'RE FULL
OF FOOD AND
WINE-- THEN
THEY'LL BE
EASY TO ROUND UP!



AND SOON AFTER...

NOTHING LIKE A **BIRD CAGE**
TO HOLD A TAME BIRD!
HA-HA! YOU'LL KEEP IN
THERE, **BATMAN**! WE'LL
HAVE OUR SPORT IN THE
VILLAGE, AND THEN
RETURN TO TAKE
CARE OF YOU!

I'VE
TAKEN HIS
UTILITY
BELT--
AND GIVEN
HIM THE DRUG
THAT PARALYZES
THE WINGS FOR
24 HOURS!



LATER, WHEN THE GRAVIOS LEAVE...

IT'S NO USE! (GRUNT)
IT'S MUCH TOO
HEAVY -- WE'LL
NEVER LIFT
IT!

IF WE ONLY
COULD GET TO
THAT TRAP DOOR
IN THE FLOOR...





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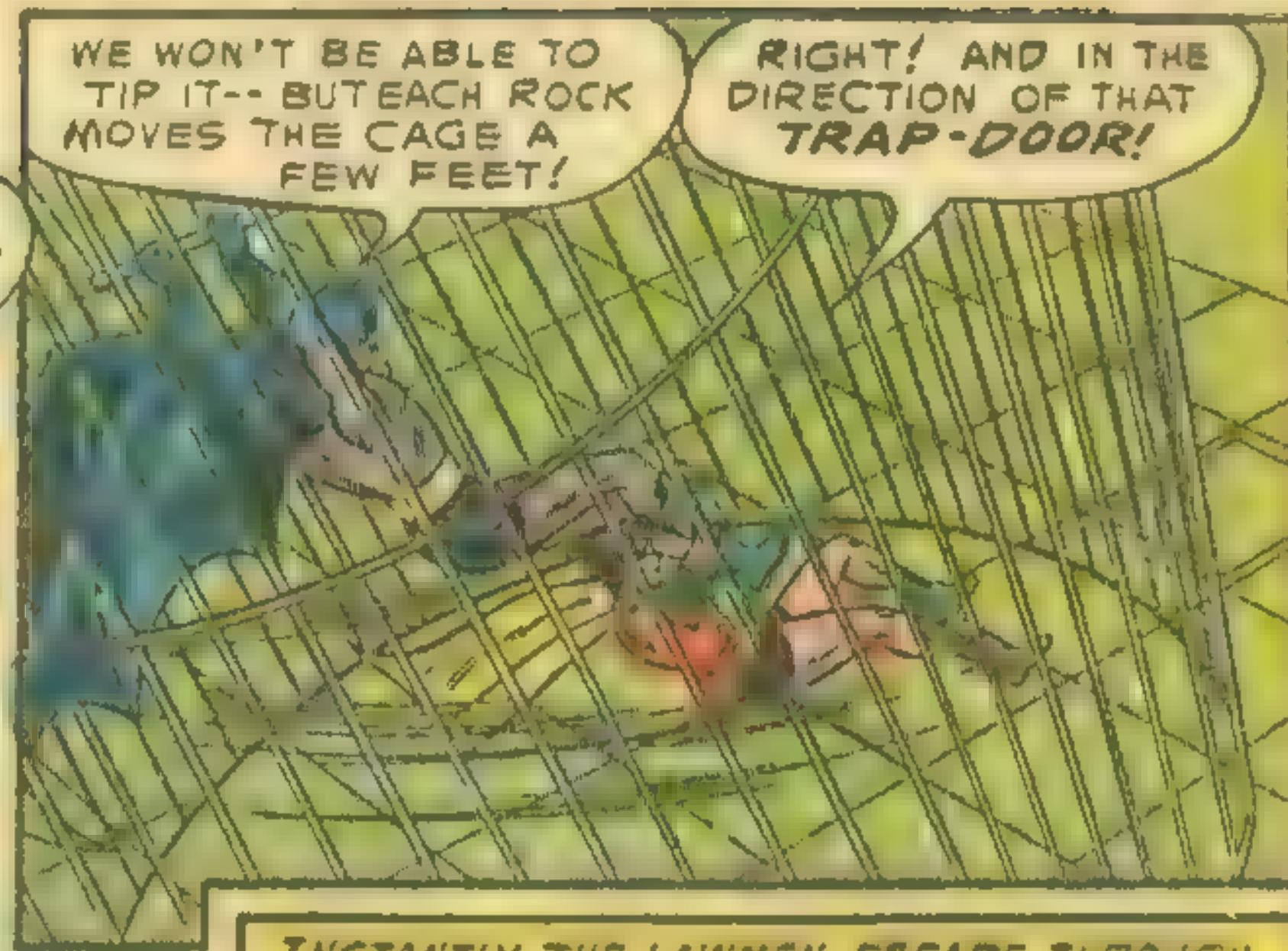
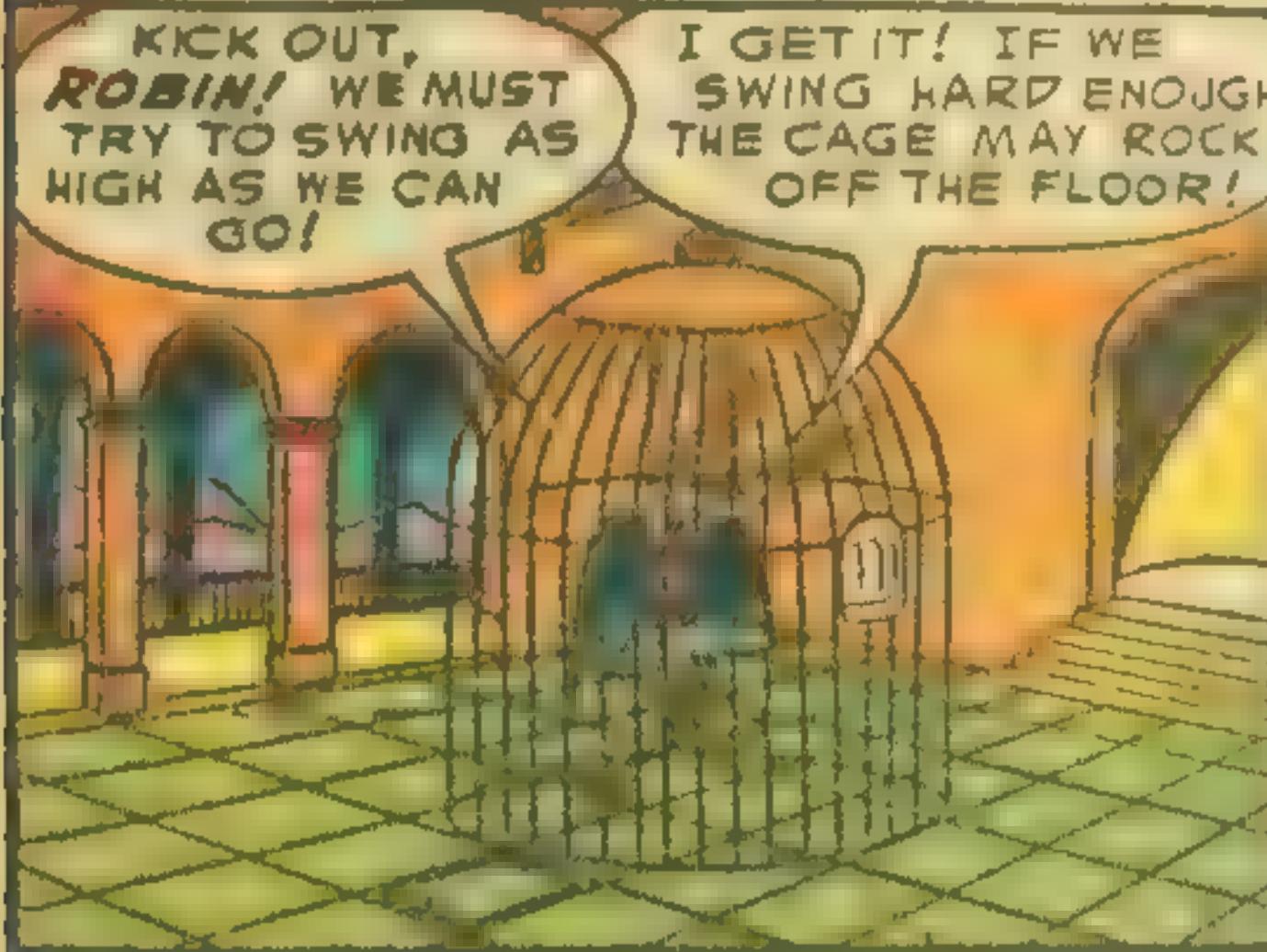
THEN AN IDEA COMES TO BATMAN! QUICKLY ASCENDING TO THE CAGE SWING, HE ORDERS ROBIN TO FOLLOW...

KICK OUT, ROBIN! WE MUST TRY TO SWING AS HIGH AS WE CAN GO!

I GET IT! IF WE SWING HARD ENOUGH, THE CAGE MAY ROCK OFF THE FLOOR!

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TIP IT-- BUT EACH ROCK MOVES THE CAGE A FEW FEET!

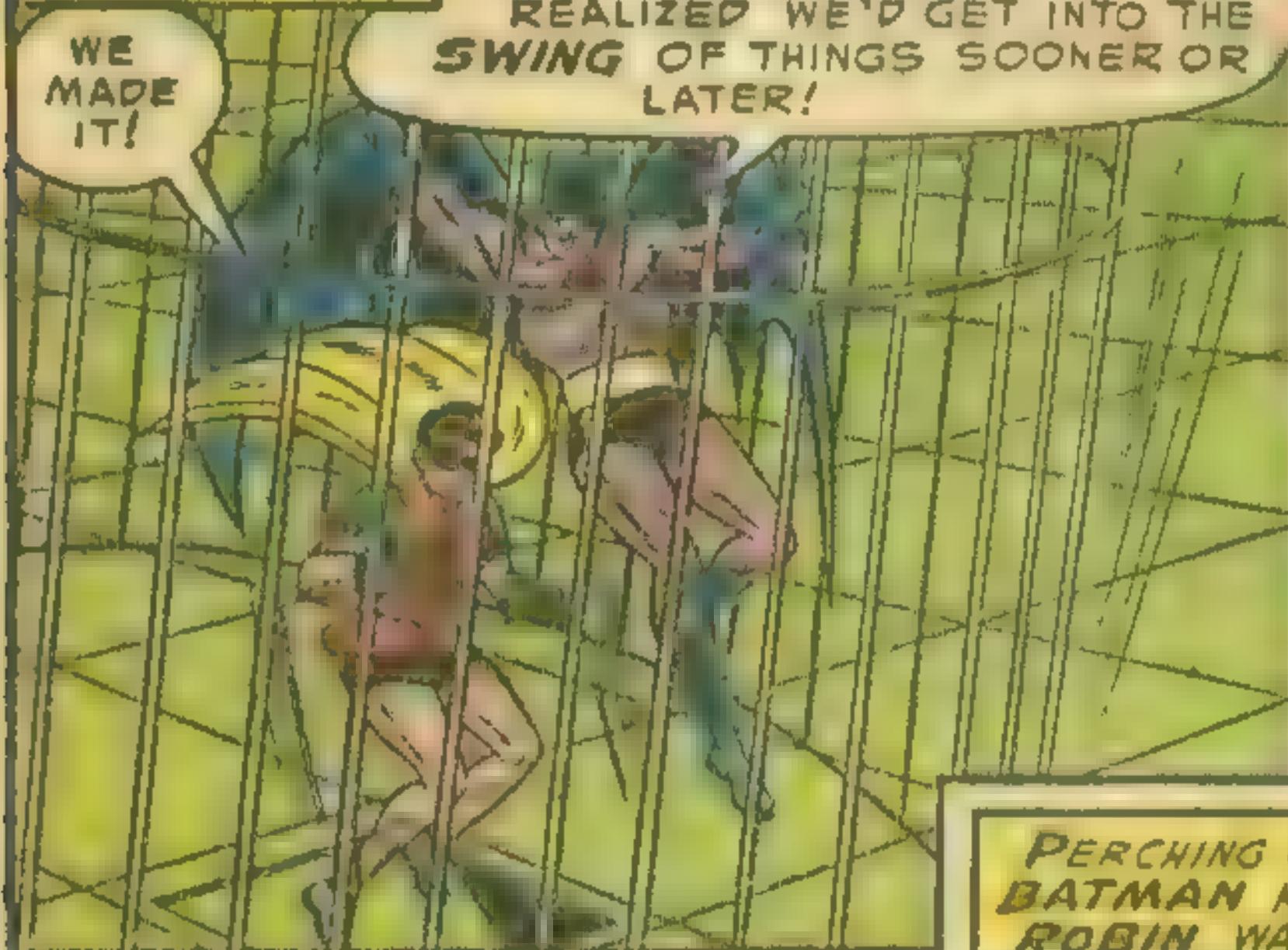
RIGHT! AND IN THE DIRECTION OF THAT TRAP-DOOR!



SOON AFTER...

THE GRAVOS SHOULD HAVE REALIZED WE'D GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS SOONER OR LATER!

WE MADE IT!



INSTANTLY, THE LAWMEN ESCAPE THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR! MOMENTS LATER, ON A RAMPART OF THE CASTLE...

WE'VE RECOVERED OUR UTILITY BELTS--BUT WHAT NOW? IT'LL TAKE HOURS TO WALK TO THE VILLAGE! THEY PARALYZED YOUR WINGS --YOU CAN'T FLY!

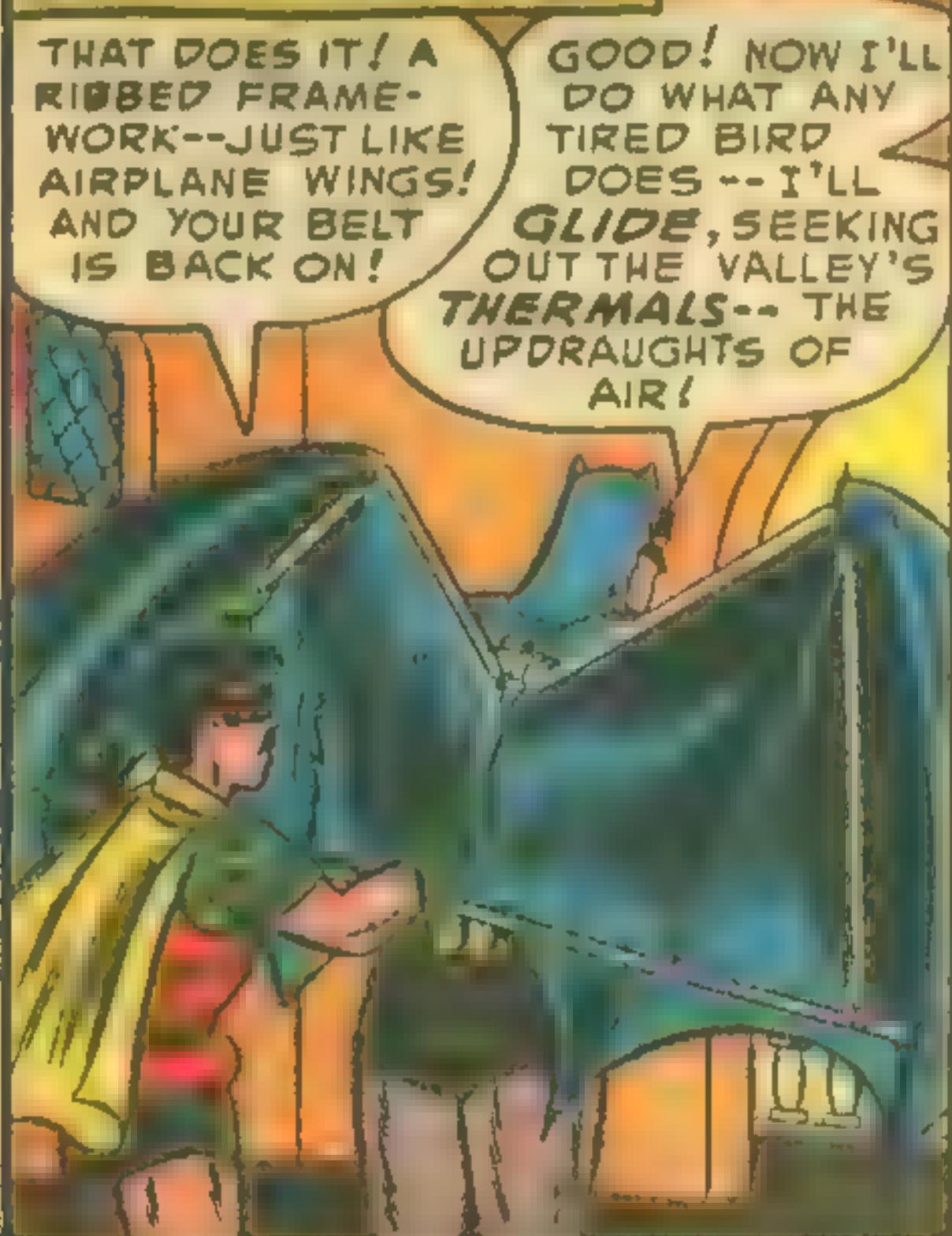
HMM--I WONDER! THERE'S A STIFF BREEZE BLOWING--AND WE'RE HIGH ENOUGH! ROBIN--WE'RE GOING TO FIX THESE LIMP WINGS!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

THAT DOES IT! A RIBBED FRAME-WORK--JUST LIKE AIRPLANE WINGS! AND YOUR BELT IS BACK ON!

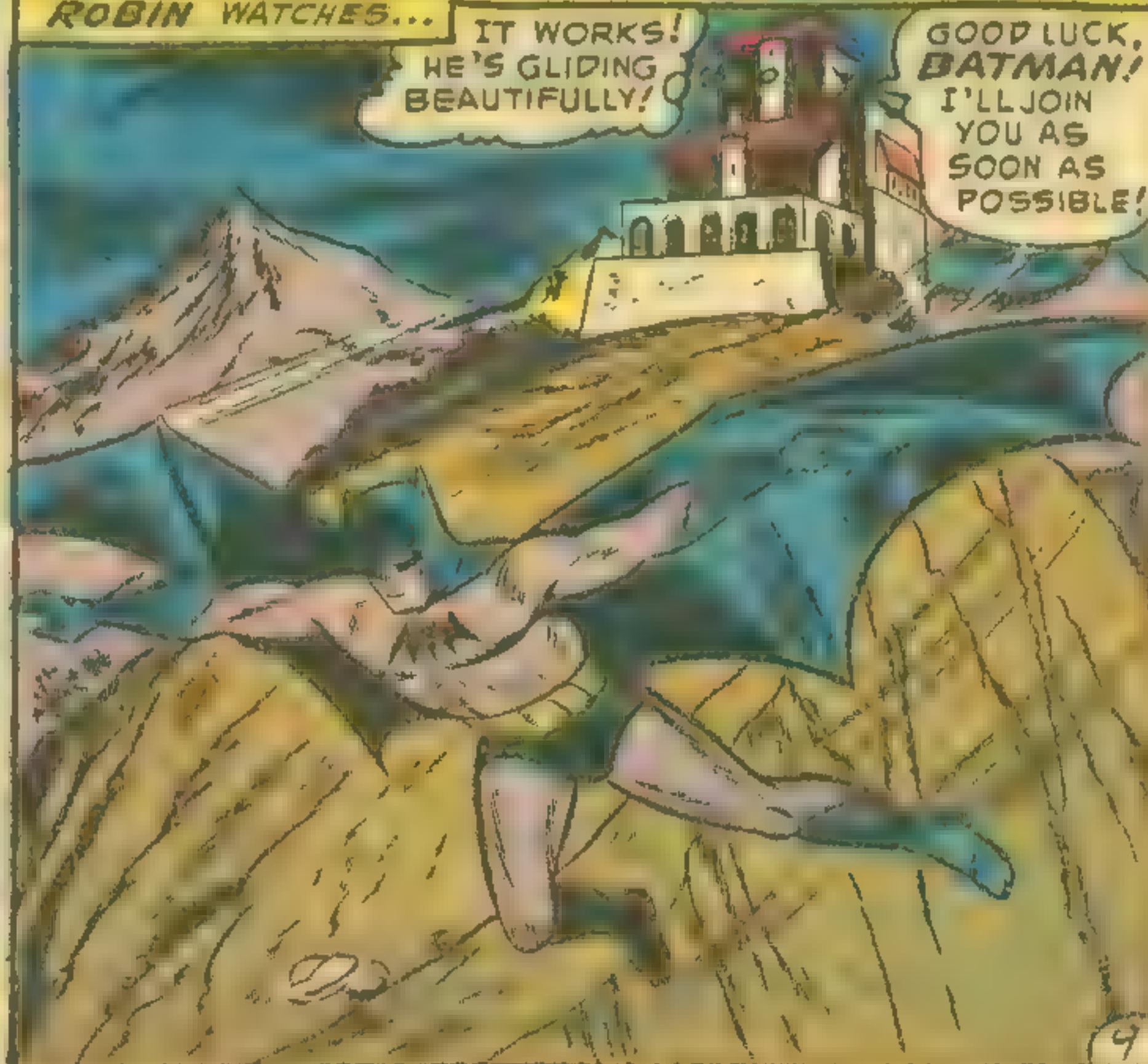
GOOD! NOW I'LL DO WHAT ANY TIRED BIRD DOES -- I'LL GLIDE, SEEKING OUT THE VALLEY'S THERMALS-- THE UPDRAUGHTS OF AIR!



PERCHING ON THE HIGHEST PART OF THE CASTLE, BATMAN KICKS OFF WITH LEGS OF STEEL. AND AS ROBIN WATCHES...

IT WORKS!
HE'S GLIDING BEAUTIFULLY!

GOOD LUCK,
BATMAN!
I'LL JOIN
YOU AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE!





BATMAN



SOME MINUTES LATER...

THERE THEY ARE--ALL OF THEM--CELEBRATING IN THAT SIDEWALK CAFE! HOW TO TURN MYSELF INTO A DIVE-BOMBER--WITH GAS PELLETS FROM MY UTILITY BELT!

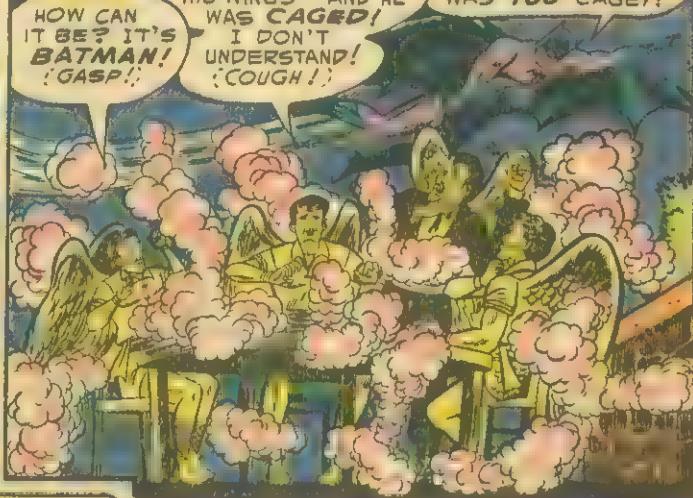


THEN...

HOW CAN IT BE? IT'S BATMAN! (GASP!)

BUT WE DEADENED HIS WINGS--AND HE WAS CAGED! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! (COUGH!)

LET'S JUST SAY I WAS TOO CAGEY!



STUNNED BY BATMAN'S HARMLESS BUT TEMPORARILY-PARALYZING GAS, THE GRAVIOS ARE QUICKLY ROUNDED UP! LATER...

YOU WERE SUPERB, BATMAN! YOU HAVE OUR ETERNAL THANKS! WE LIVE AGAIN AS FREE MEN!

AND NOW WE WILL FULFILL OUR AGREEMENT--TO RETURN YOU SAFELY HOME, YOUR WINGS BUT A MEMORY! COME--WE HAVE THE ANESTHESIA READY FOR BOTH OF YOU! WHEN YOU WAKE UP, THE ADVENTURE WILL BE OVER!



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THE WORLD SPINS CRAZILY FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO! TIME SEEMS ENDLESS--AND AS THEY SUDDENLY DROP OUT OF A BLACK VOID...

WE'RE BACK, BATMAN--OR WERE WE EVER AWAY? THERE'S NO TRACE AT ALL OF WINGS ON YOU--NOT EVEN A THREAD MISSING FROM YOUR UNIFORM! COULD IT ALL HAVE BEEN A DREAM?

I WONDER, ROBIN--I WONDER...?



THE END

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by GE Cooper

EYAD!! ONE MUST BE DETECTIVE FOSDICK--SO THE OTHER MUST BE SHUDDER--ANYFACE THE WORLD'S TRICKIEST CRIMINAL!!

I'M FOS-DICK

MIA!! I'VE GOT YOU THERE!! HOW CAN YOU BE FOSDICK, WHEN I AM? AND, ON THE SALARY THEY PAY ME-- HARDLY ONE FOSDICK CAN LIVE !!

YOU ARE NOT FOSDICK FOSDICK! TURN IN YOUR BADGE!!

TURN IN YOUR HEAD, ANYFACE!! I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT ME BECAUSE I USE WILDROOT CREAM OIL TO KEEP MY HAIR NEAT--BUT YOURS IS A MESS!!

!! IF I'D THOUGHT OF WILDROOT CREAM OIL I'D HAVE AVOIDED ARREST!!

YOU COULD'VE AVOIDED LOOSE DANDRUFF, TOO!! SAME GOES FOR YOU, CHIEF. GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHARLIE!

THAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL MY NAME IS IRVING!



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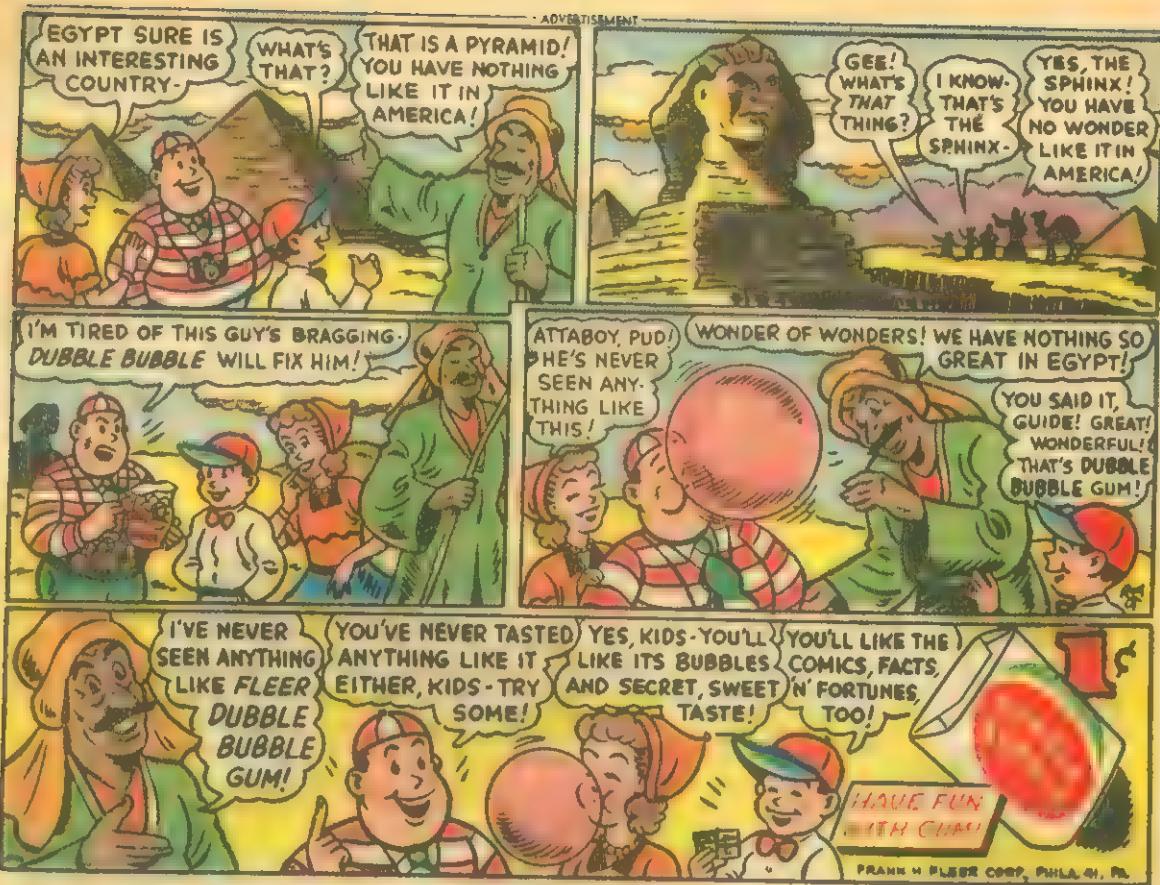


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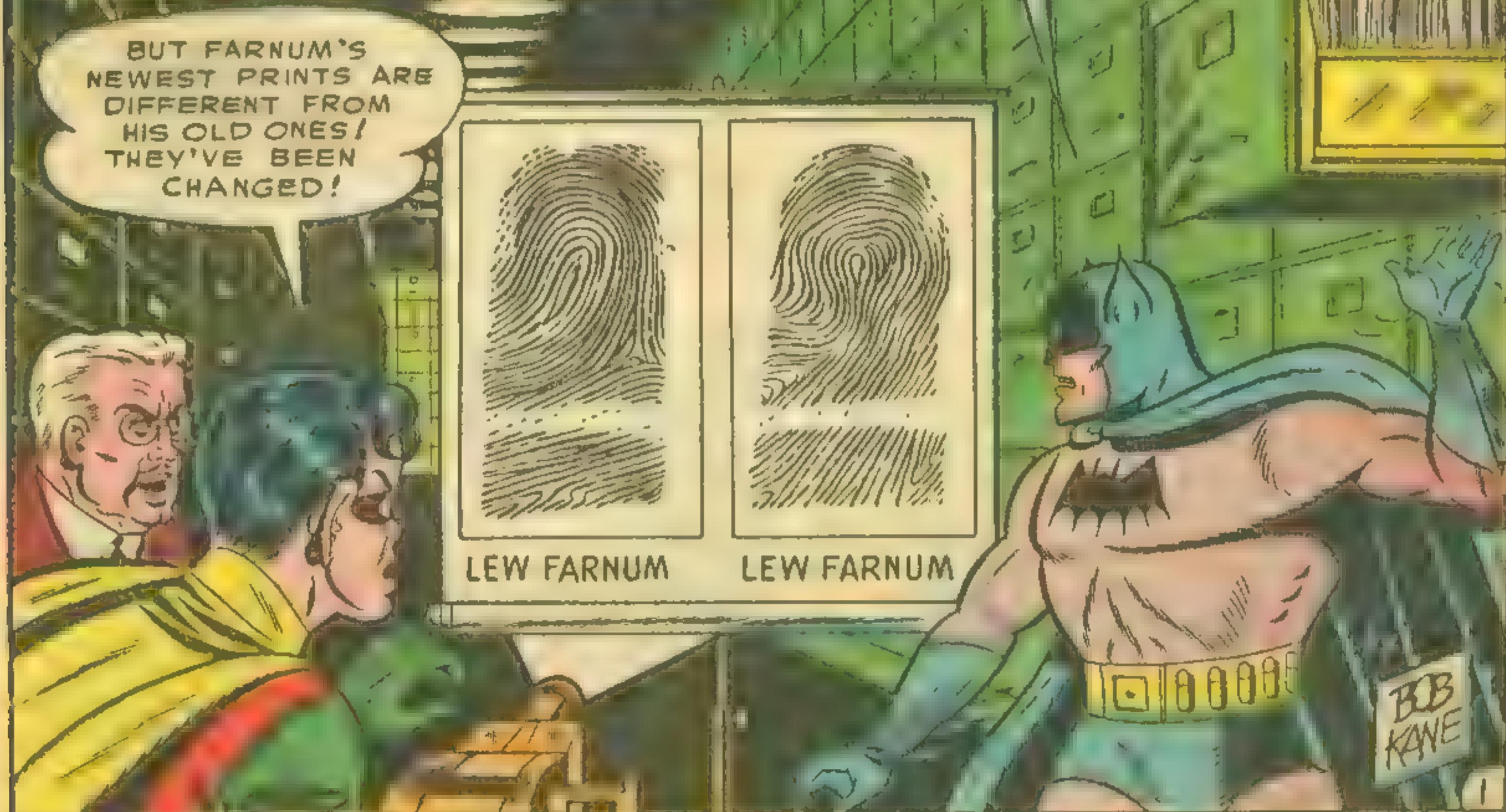
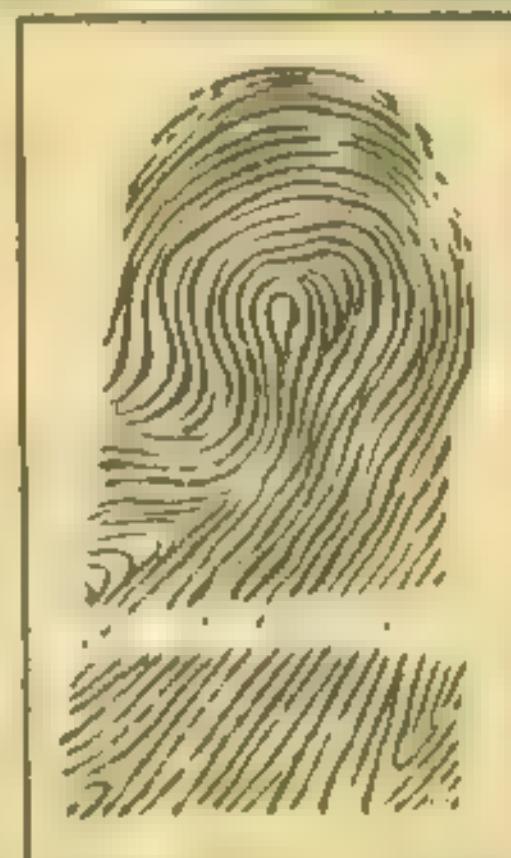
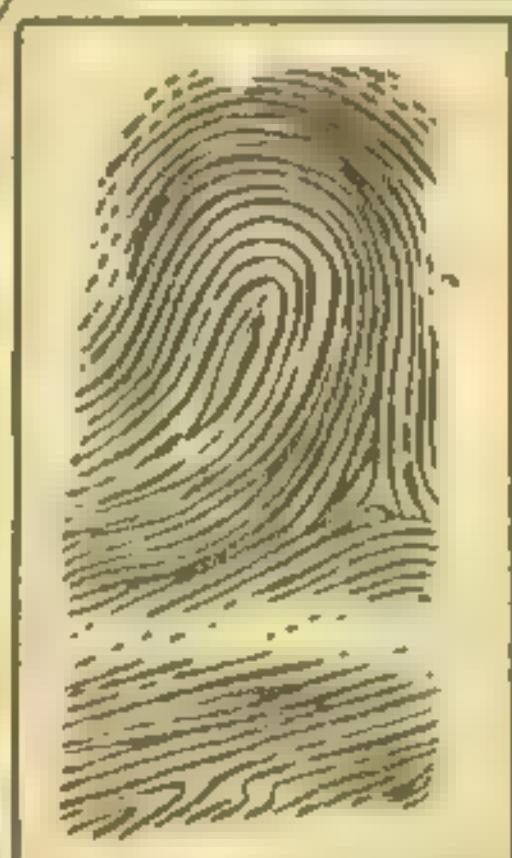
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

To disguise their identities, wanted criminals can change their names, operate on their faces! But there's one thing they can never change--their fingerprints! However, now appears an ingenious underworld character who has mastered this amazing secret. And the very foundations of our law detection system are in danger of crumbling unless Batman and Robin the Boy Wonder can stop...

The Man Who Could Change Fingerprints!

If this is true, it destroys the nation's entire system of criminal identification! These files, which have taken years to assemble, are useless!

BUT FARNUM'S NEWEST PRINTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM HIS OLD ONES! THEY'VE BEEN CHANGED!

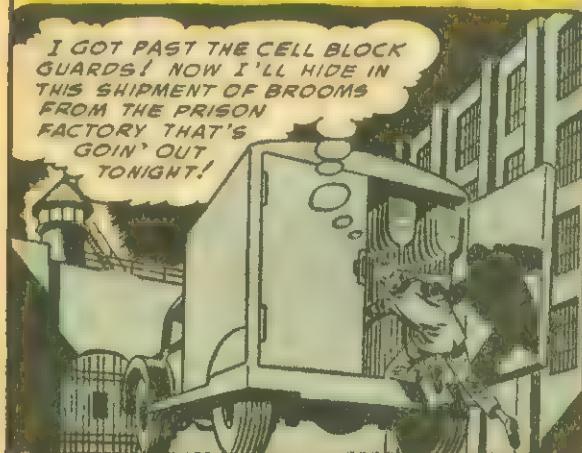




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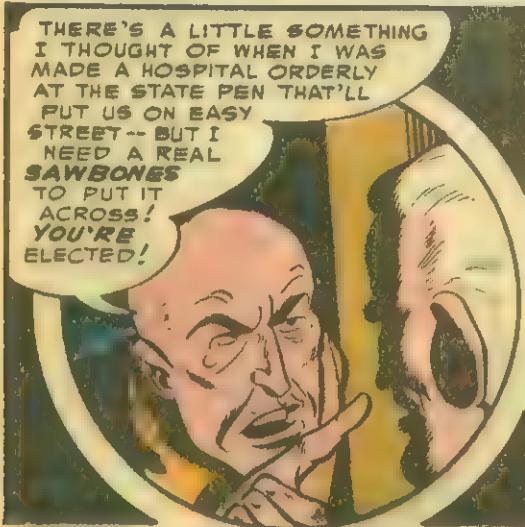
SOME HOURS AFTER THE NIGHT'S "LOCK-UP"
AT THE STATE PRISON NEAR GOTHAM CITY...



PRESENTLY, IN A SUBURB OF GOTHAM...

FARNUM! WHY DID YOU COME HERE? YOU KNOW I TURNED YOU RACKET BOYS DOWN YEARS AGO! I MEANT IT THEN, AND I MEAN IT NOW-- I WANT NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH CROOKS!

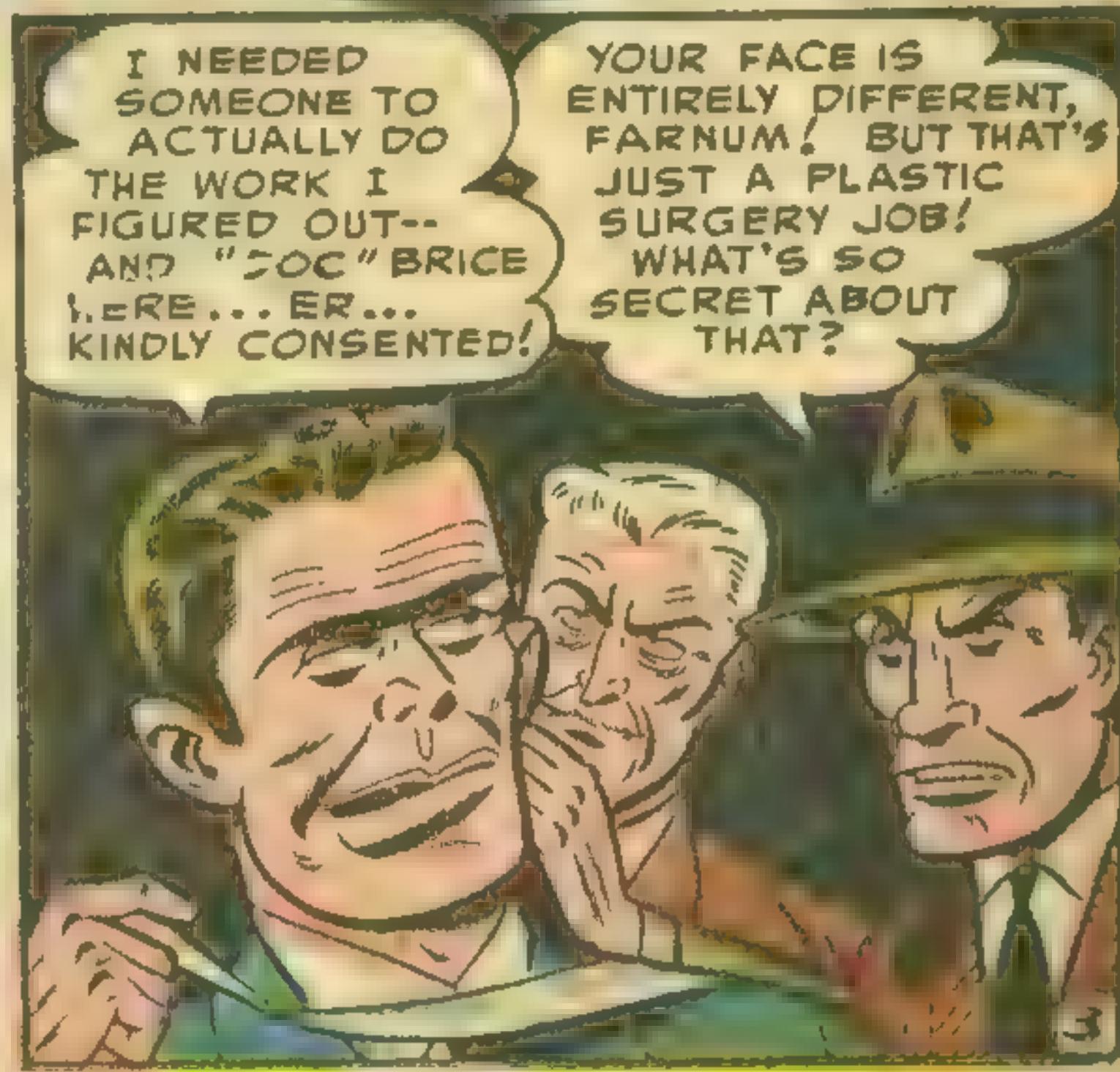
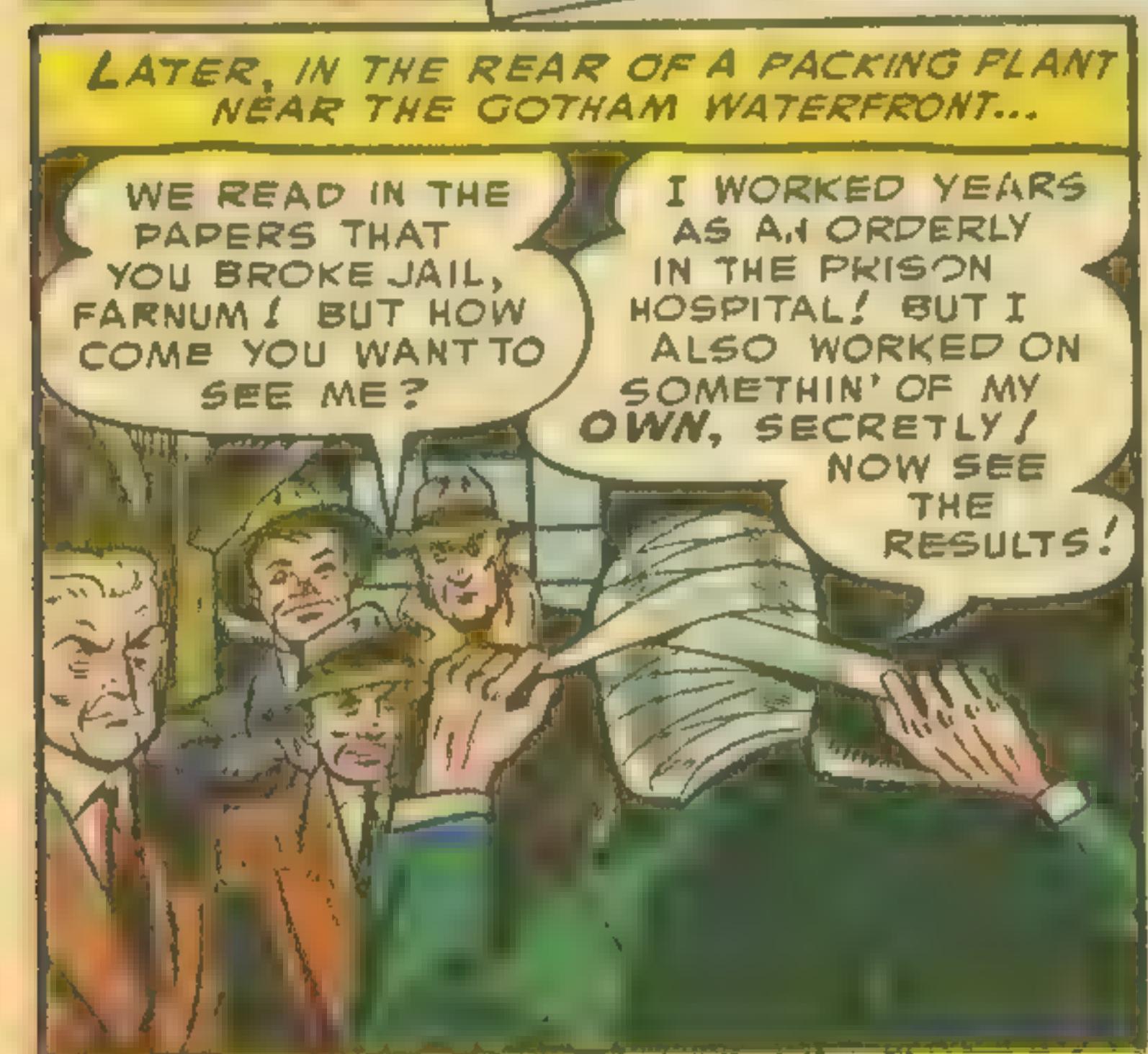
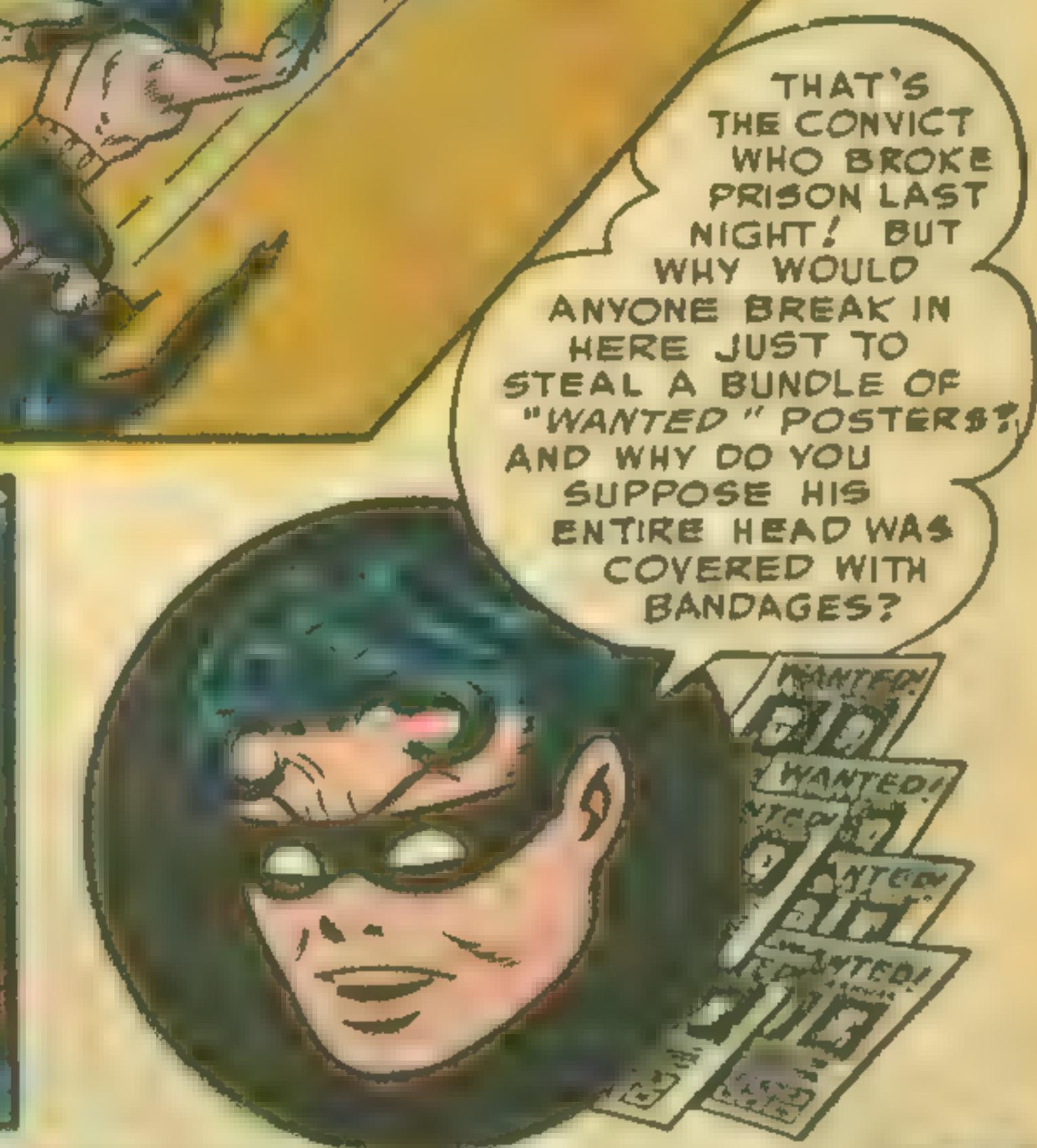
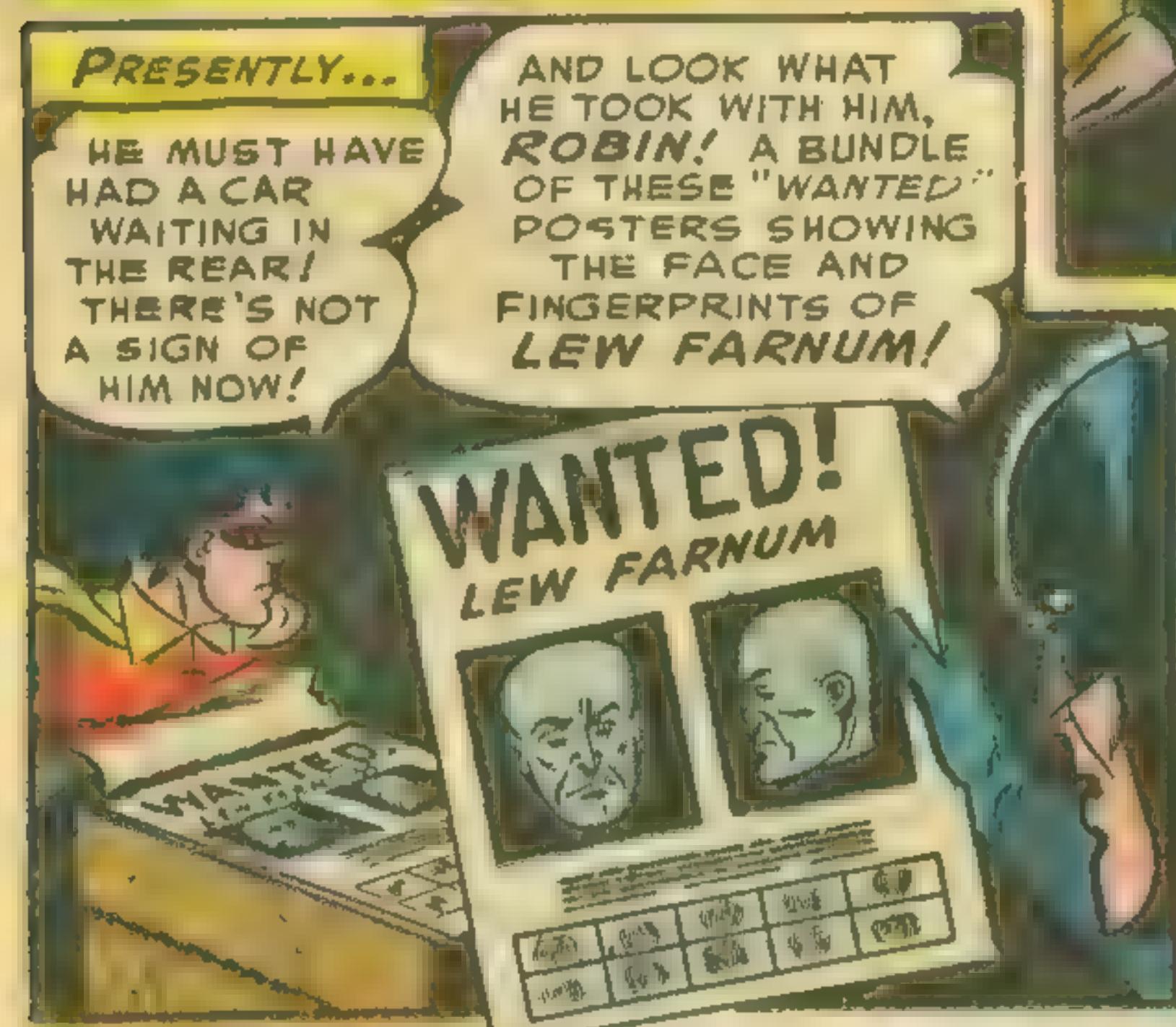
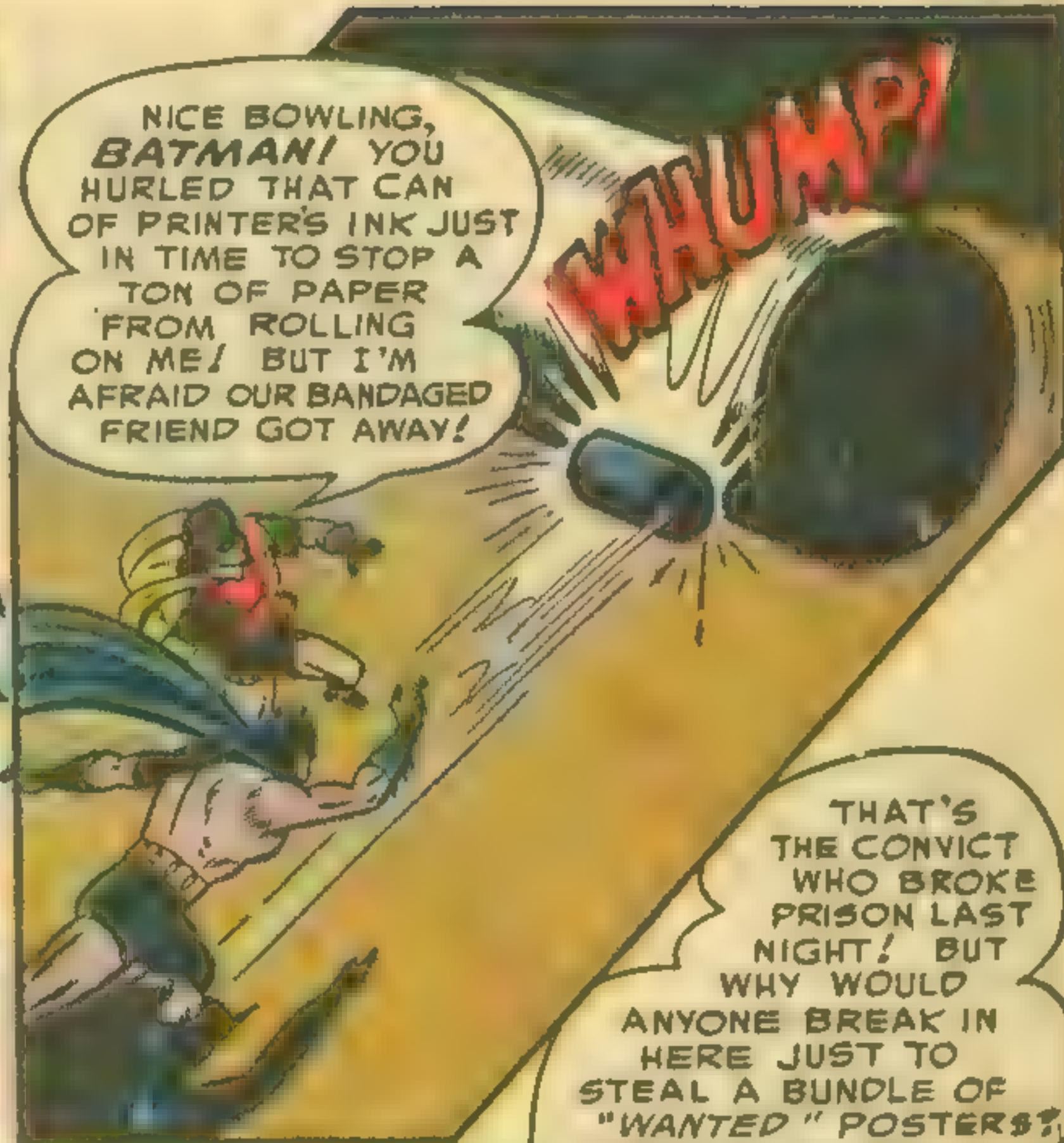
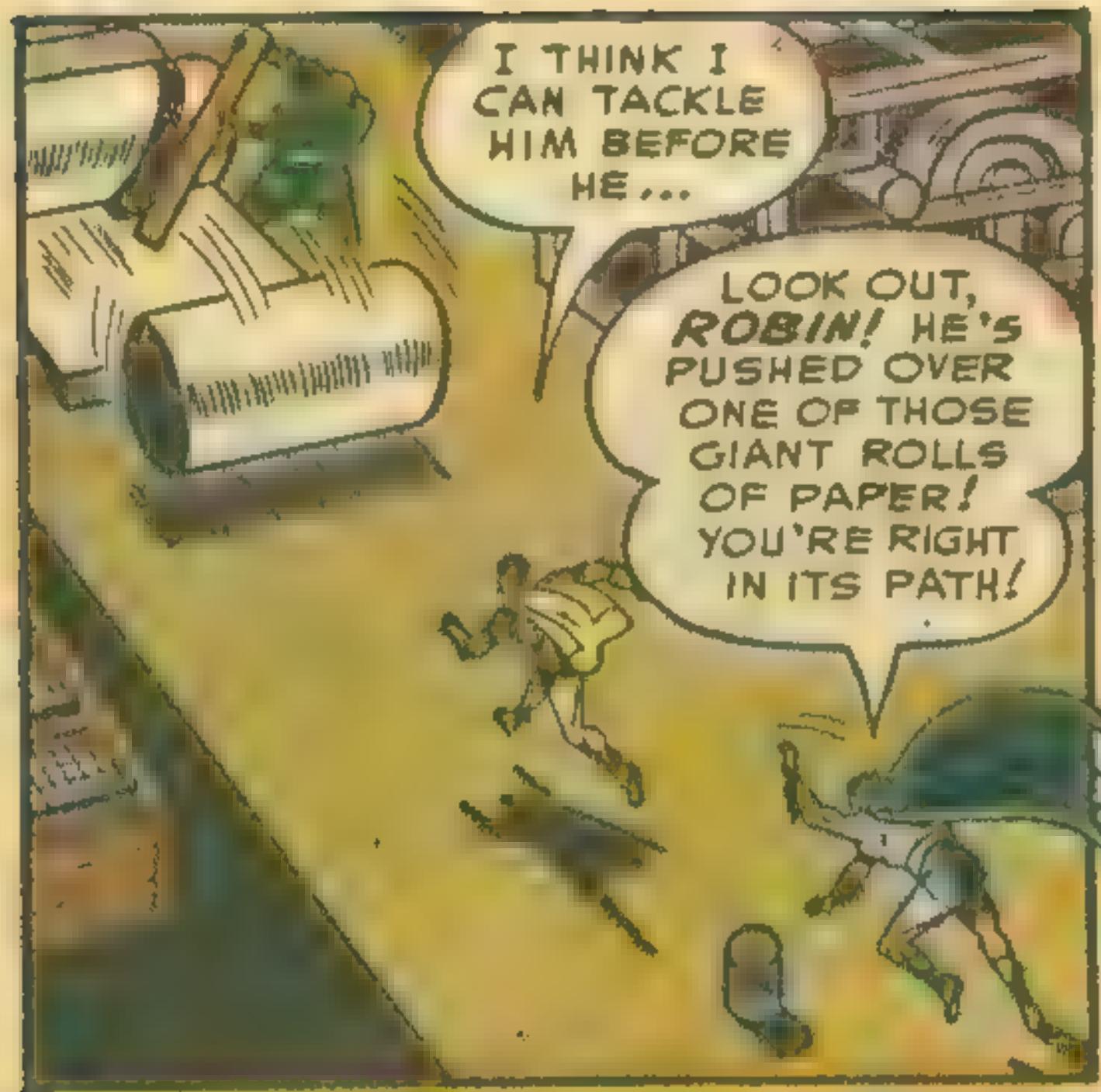
TAKE IT EASY, DOC? UNLESS YOU WANT THIS TOWN TO KNOW ALL ABOUT... ER... YOUR PAST!



NEXT NIGHT, AS THE SLEEPING CITY IS PATROLLED BY THE EVER-ALERT BATMAN AND ROBIN IN THEIR POWERFUL BATMOBILE...

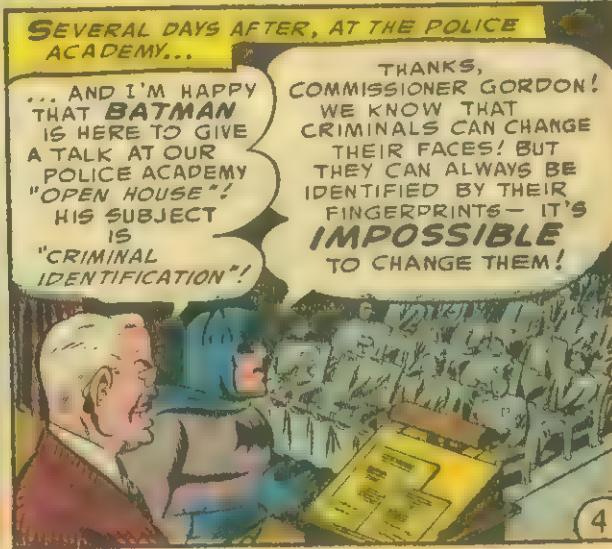
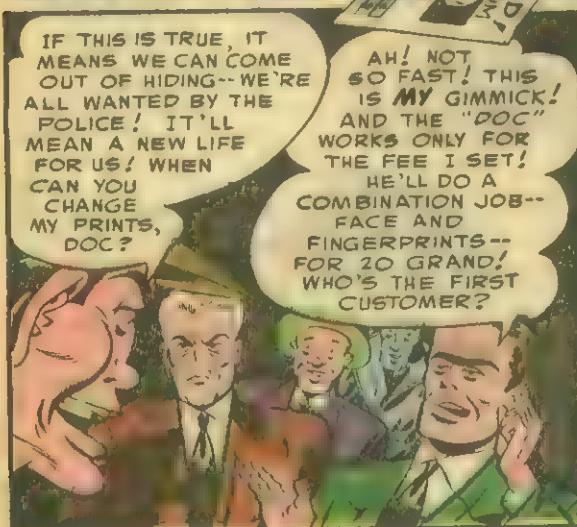
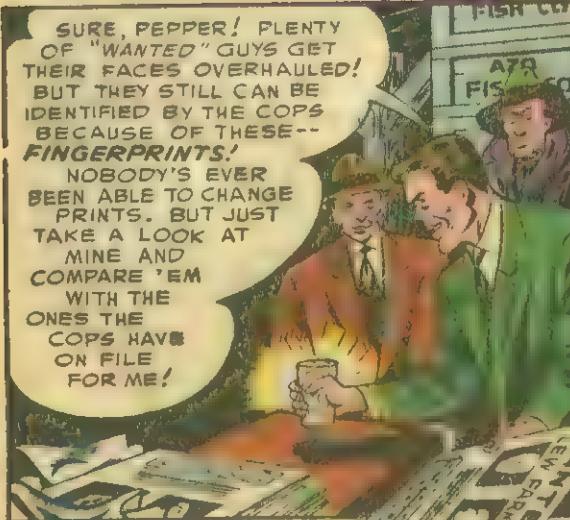


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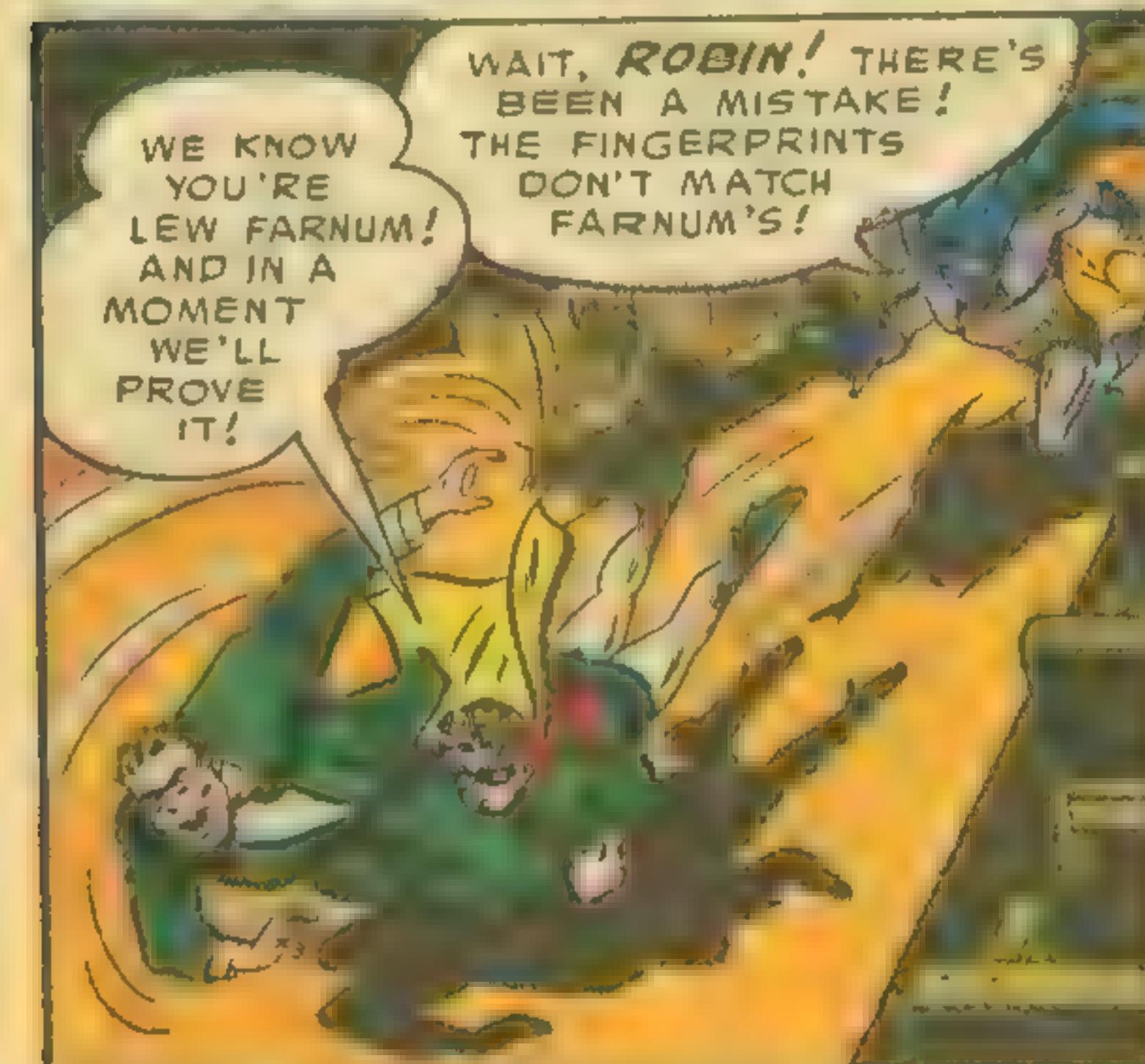
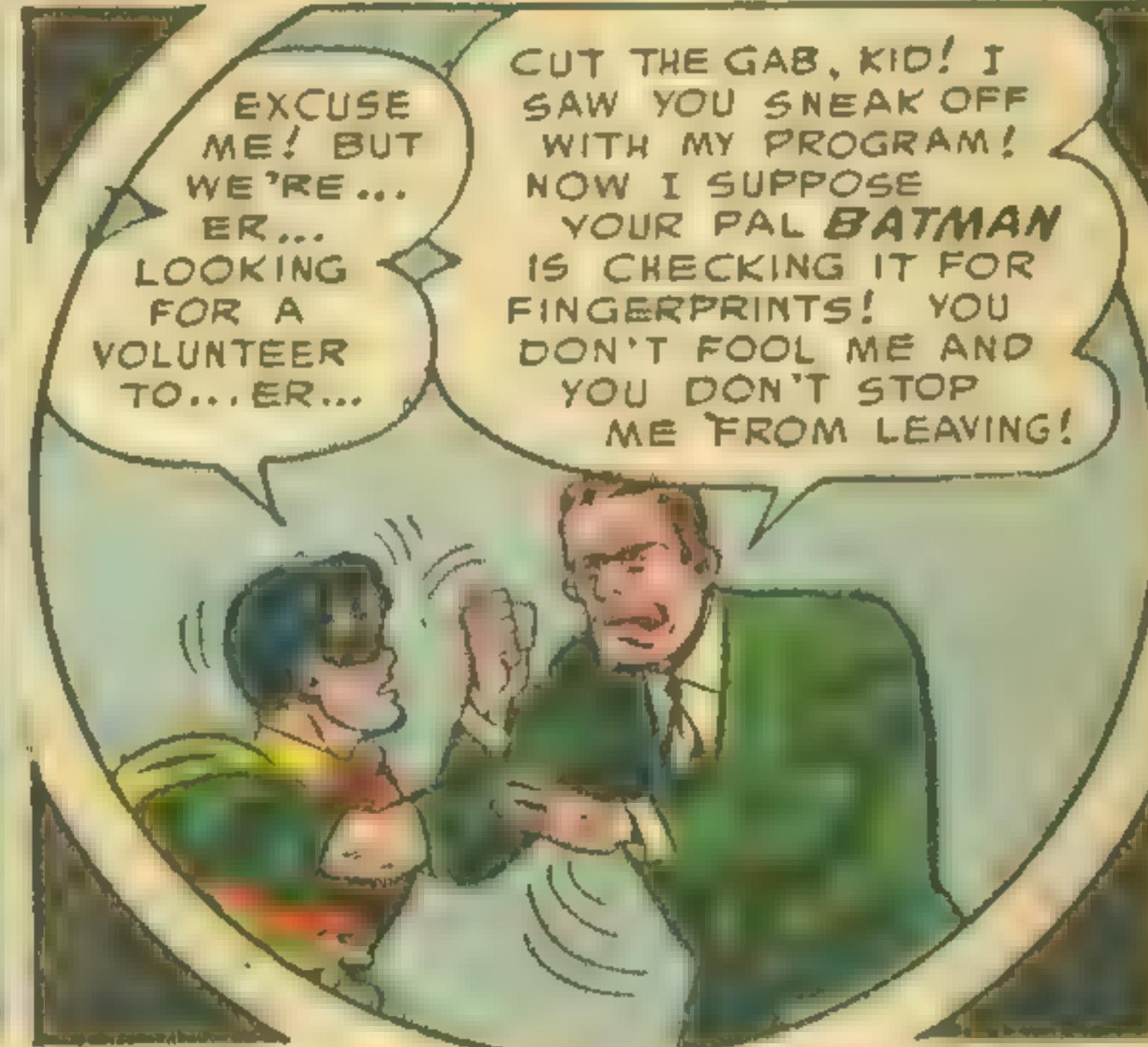
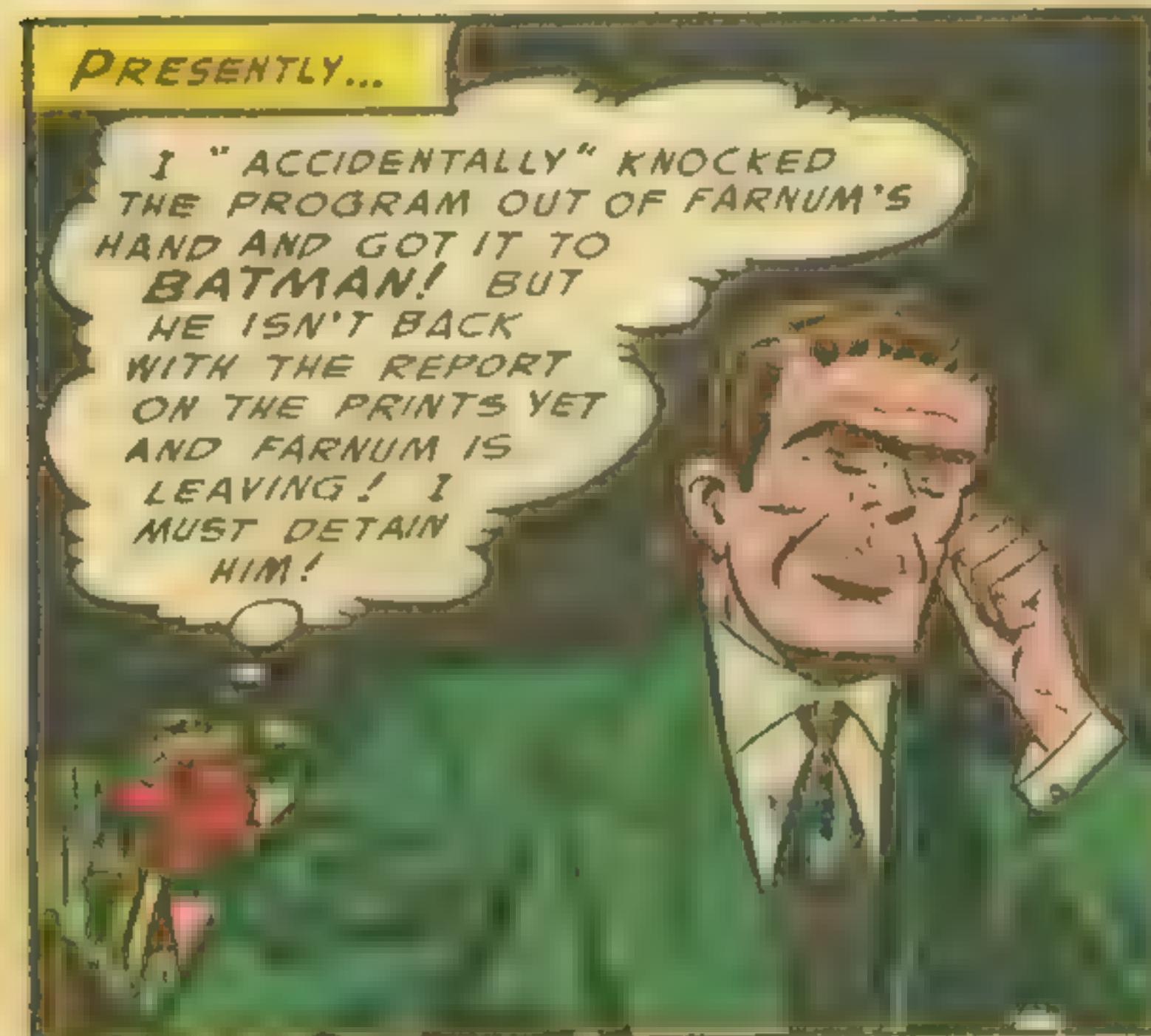
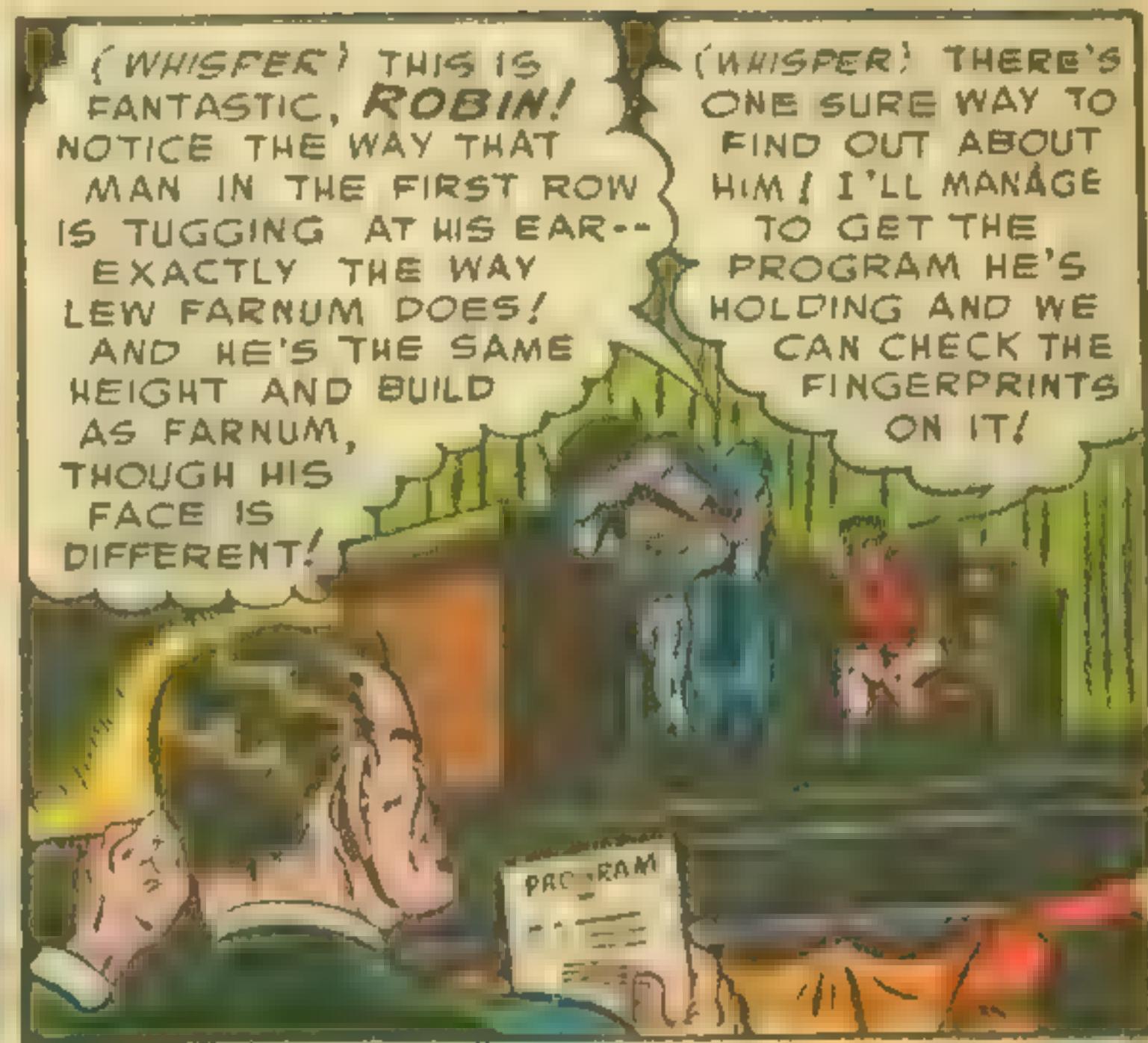
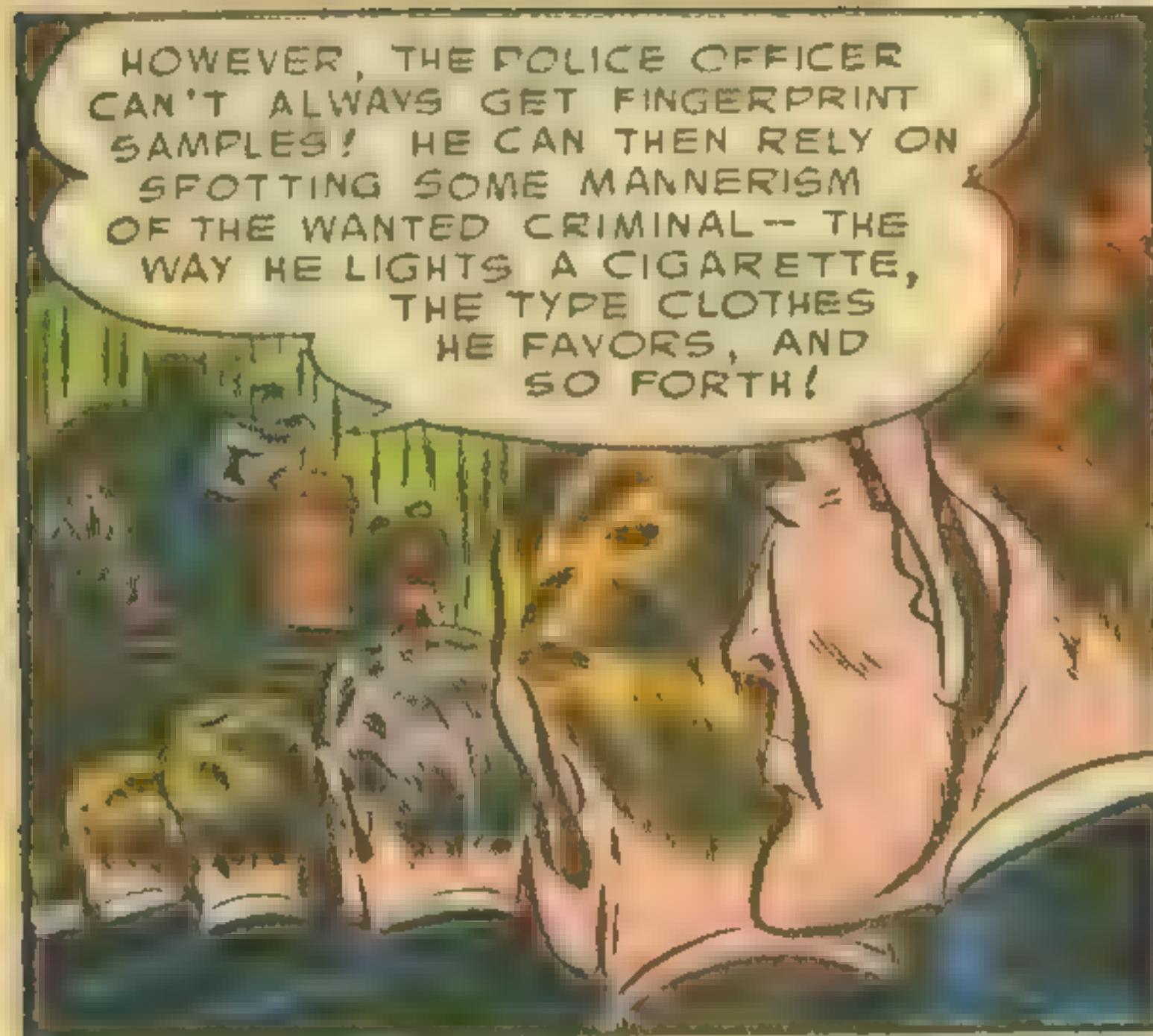




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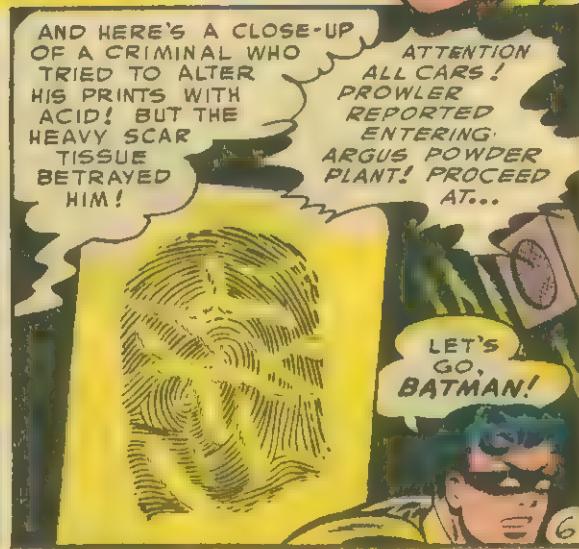
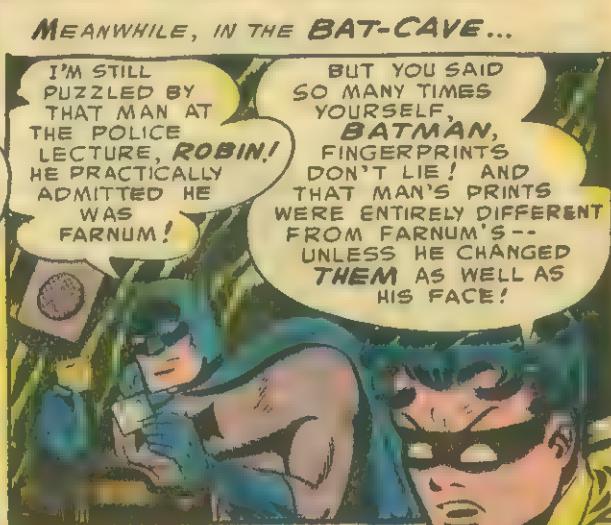
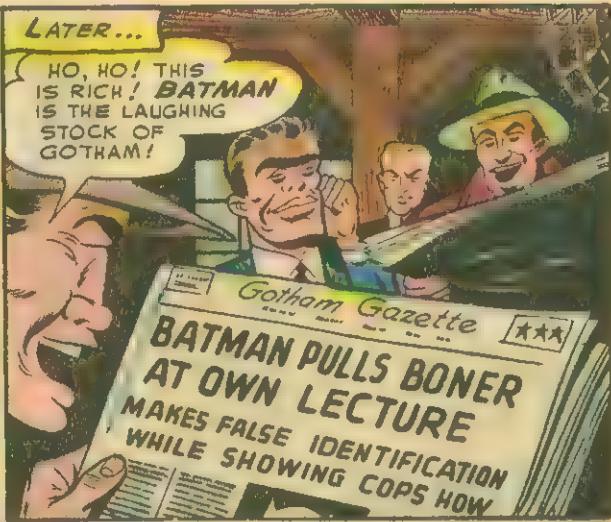
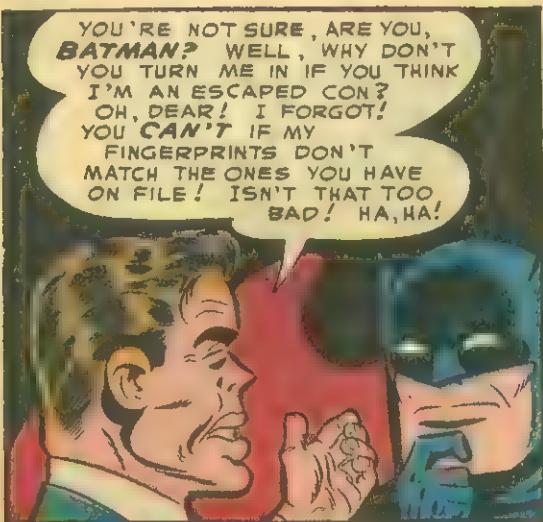


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MOMENTS AFTER...

HE MUST HAVE BROKEN INTO THE POWDER COMPANY'S SAFE! AND HIS HEAD-- IT'S COMPLETELY COVERED WITH BANDAGES!

CAN'T GO AFTER HIM NOW, ROBIN! WE MUST CUT OFF THE FUSE HE IGNITED BEFORE IT REACHES THE EXPLOSIVES!



AND THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...

ANOTHER BANDIT WITH HIS HEAD COMPLETELY BANDAGED! BUT HE'S TOO BIG TO BE THE ONE WE SPOTTED LAST NIGHT!

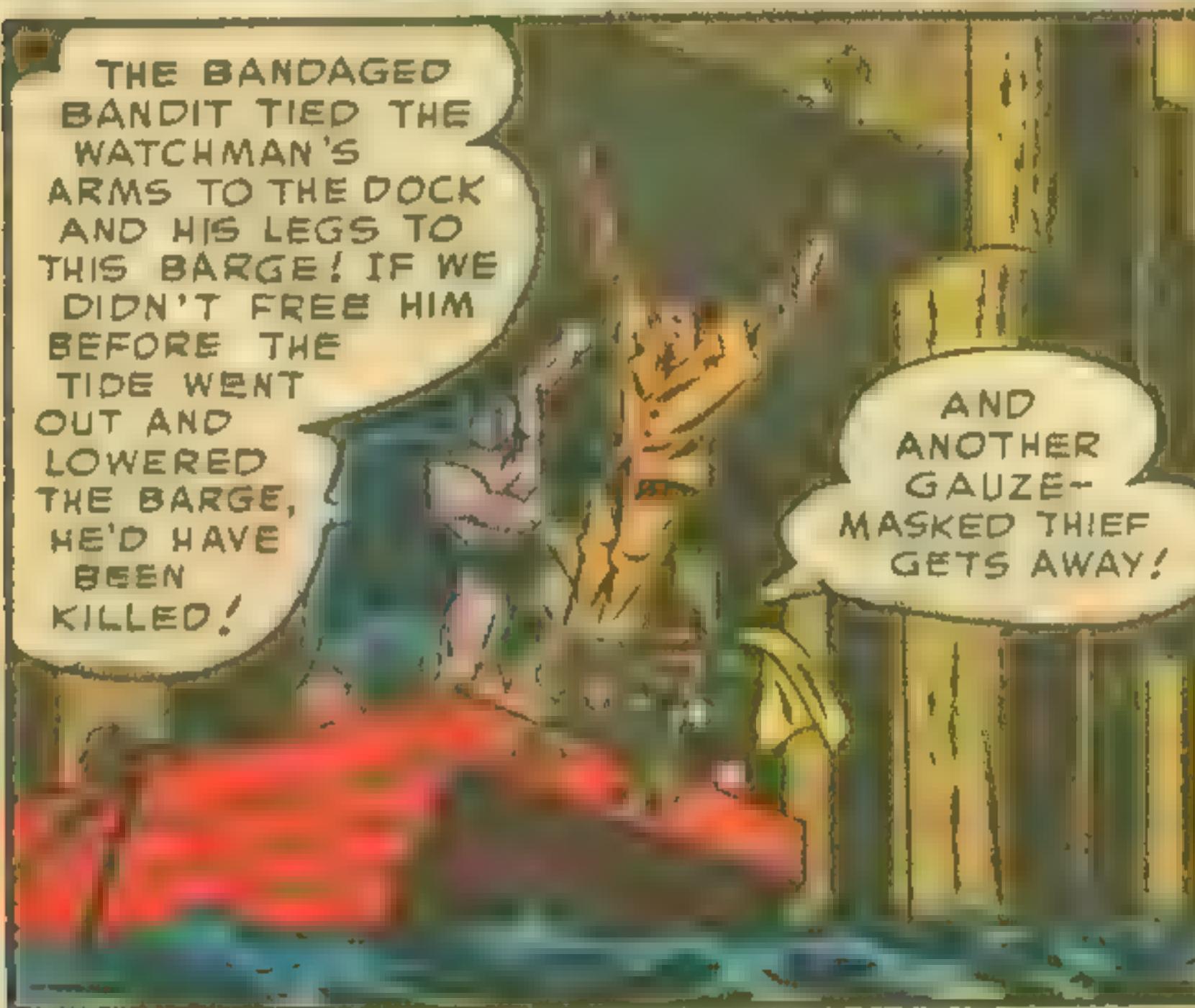
SOMEONE'S CALLING FROM UNDER THE DOCK!

HELP! HELP!



THE BANDAGED BANDIT TIED THE WATCHMAN'S ARMS TO THE DOCK AND HIS LEGS TO THIS BARGE! IF WE DIDN'T FREE HIM BEFORE THE TIDE WENT OUT AND LOWERED THE BARGE, HE'D HAVE BEEN KILLED!

AND ANOTHER GAUZE-MASKED THIEF GETS AWAY!



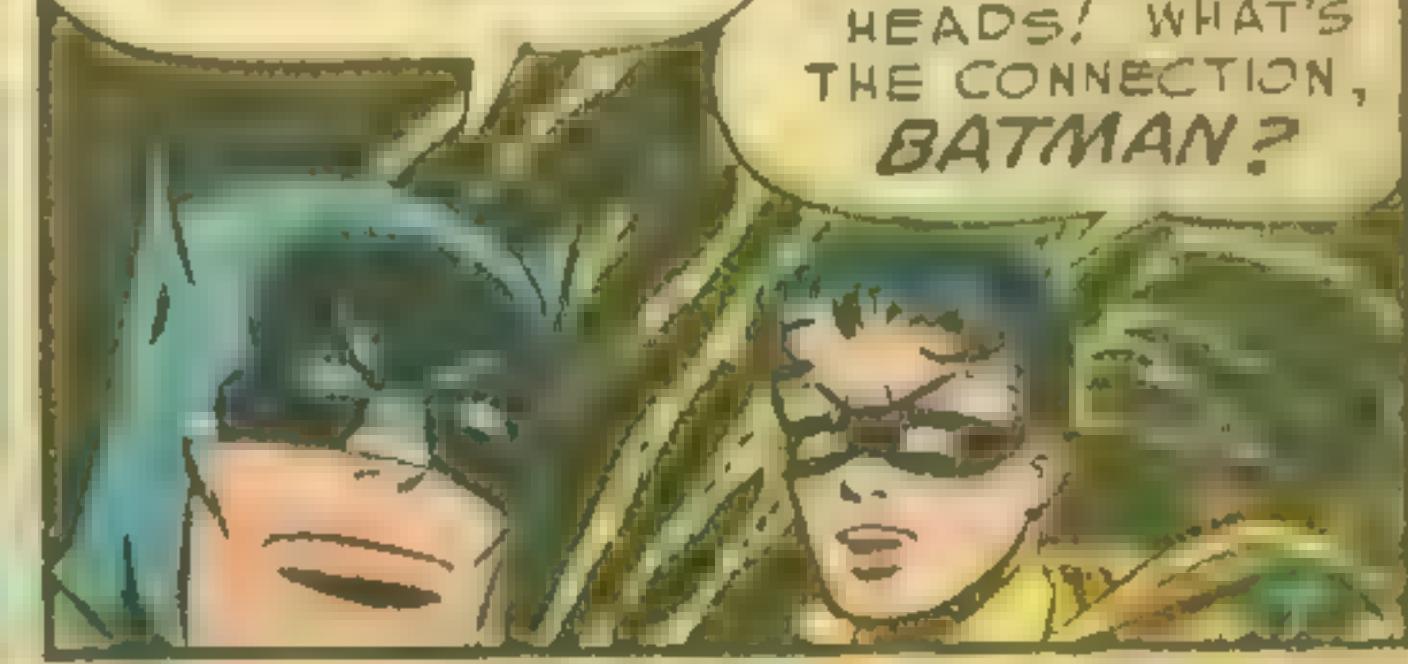
LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

THE FIRST BANDAGED BANDIT WAS STEALING "WANTED" POSTERS OF LEW FARNUM... ONES WITH HIS FINGERPRINTS ON THEM!

THEN WE COME ACROSS A CHARACTER WHO FLAUNTS

THE FACT THAT HE MAY BE FARNUM-- BUT HIS PRINTS DON'T MATCH!

THEN THERE ARE MORE ROBBERIES BY CROOKS WITH BANDAGED HEADS! WHAT'S THE CONNECTION, BATMAN?



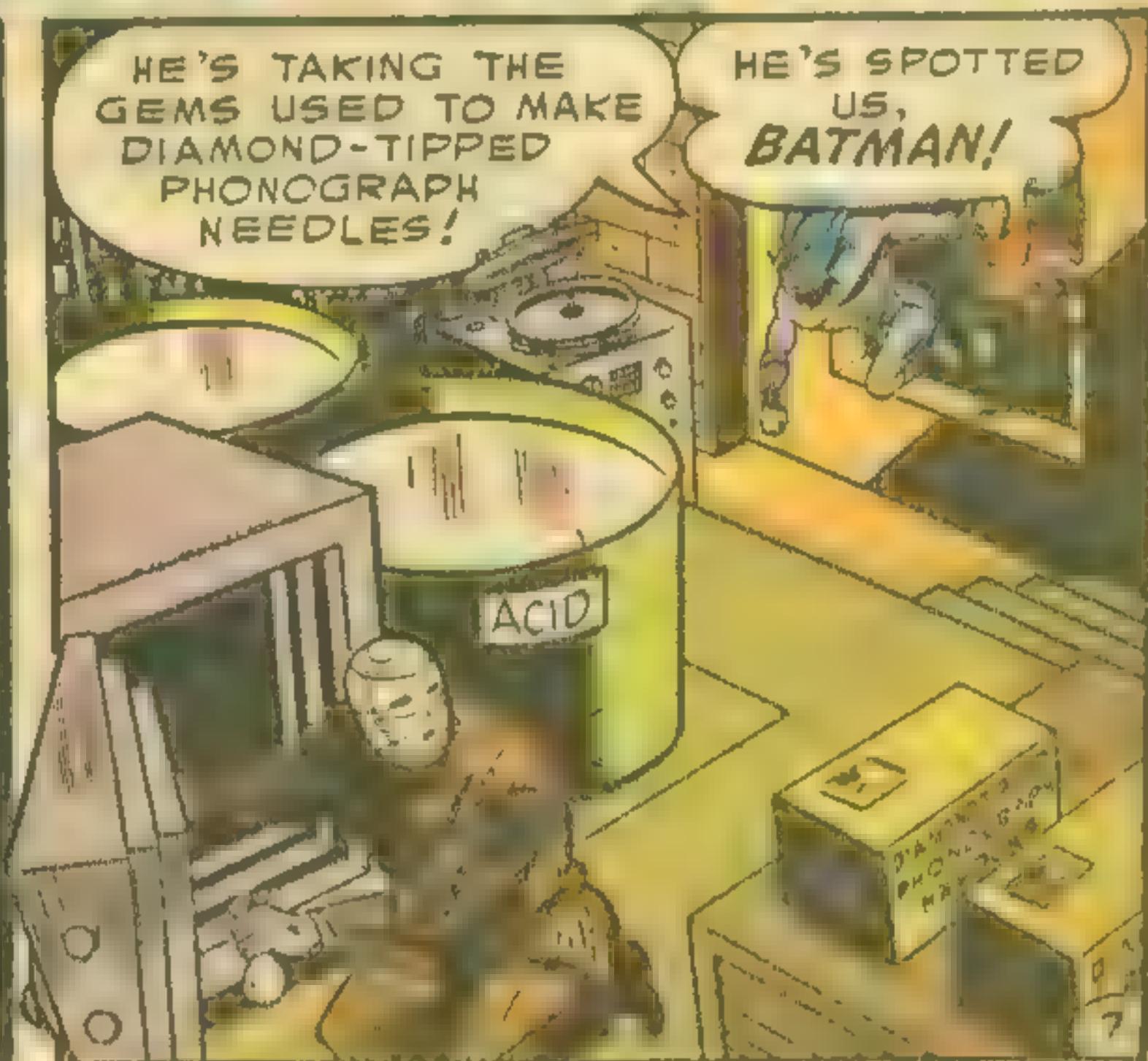
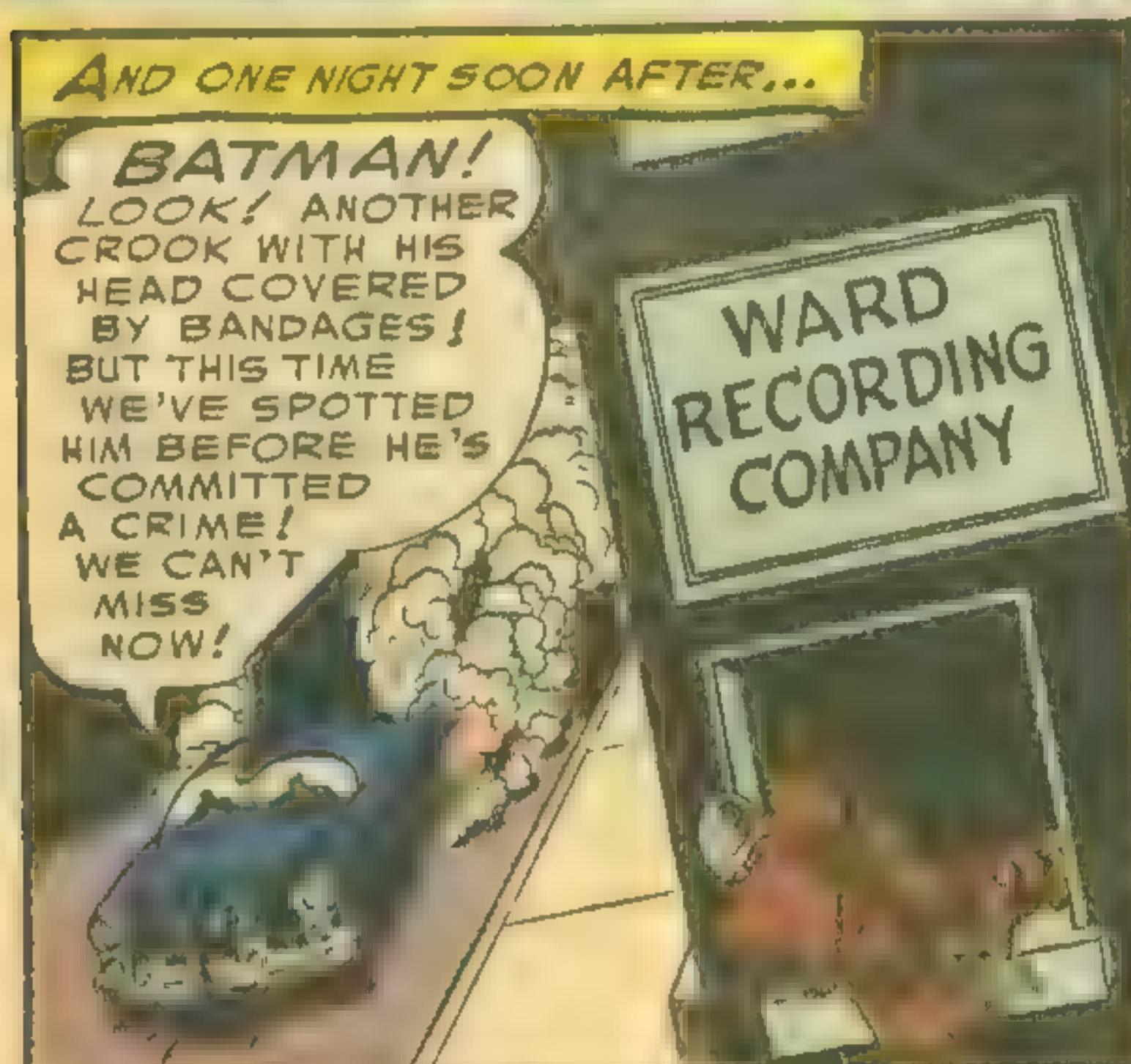
AND ONE NIGHT SOON AFTER...

BATMAN! LOOK! ANOTHER CROOK WITH HIS HEAD COVERED BY BANDAGES! BUT THIS TIME WE'VE SPOTTED HIM BEFORE HE'S COMMITTED A CRIME! WE CAN'T MISS NOW!

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HE'S TAKING THE GEMS USED TO MAKE DIAMOND-TIPPED PHONOGRAPH NEEDLES!

HE'S SPOTTED US, BATMAN!

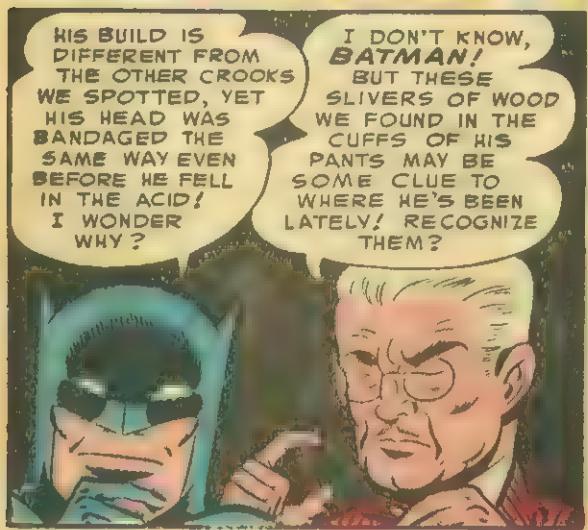
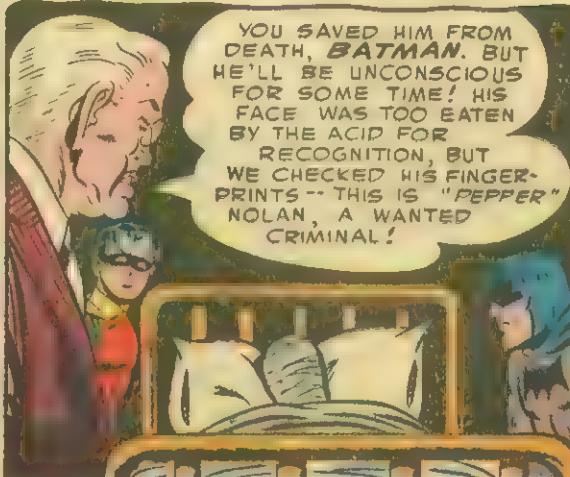




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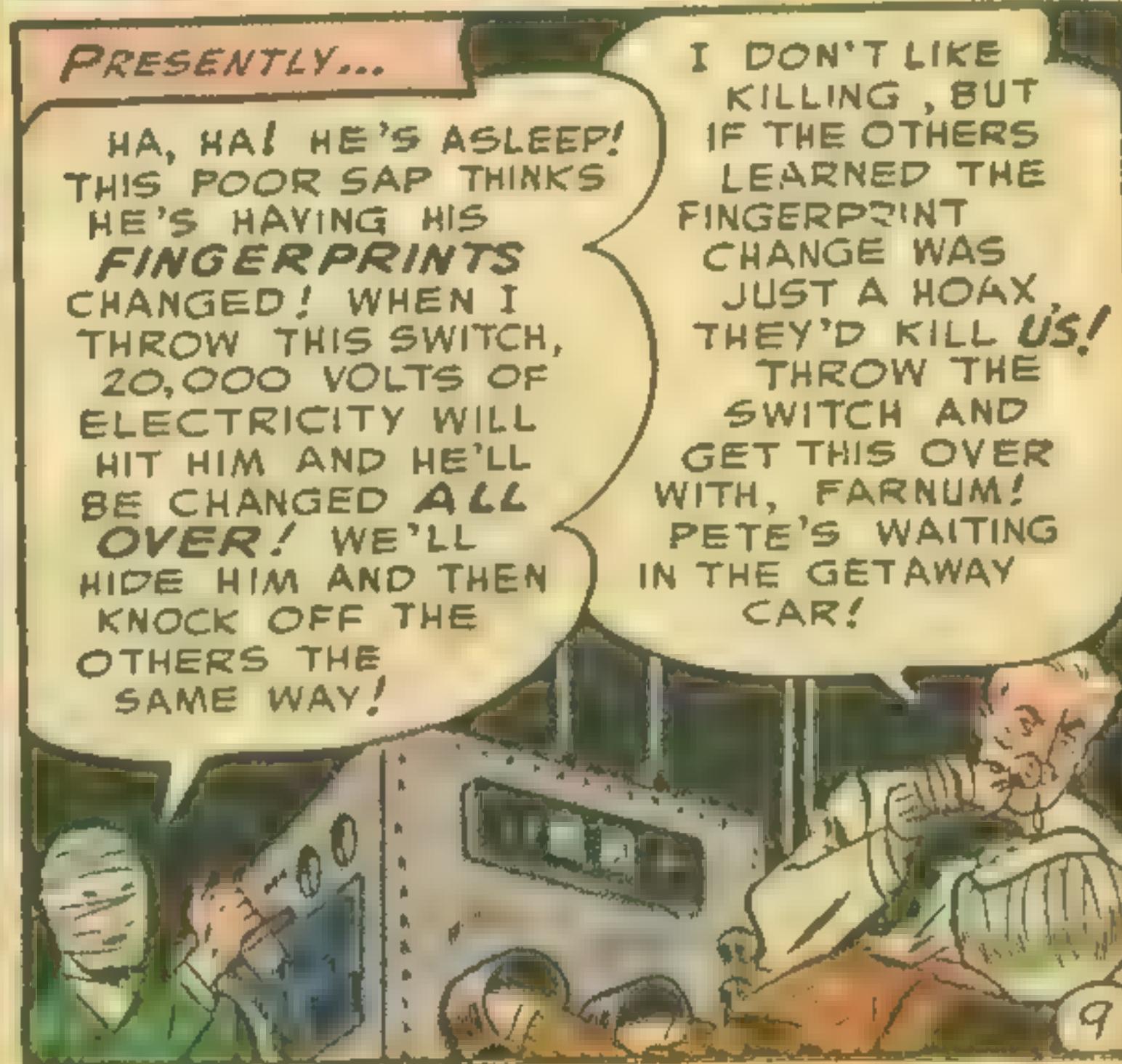
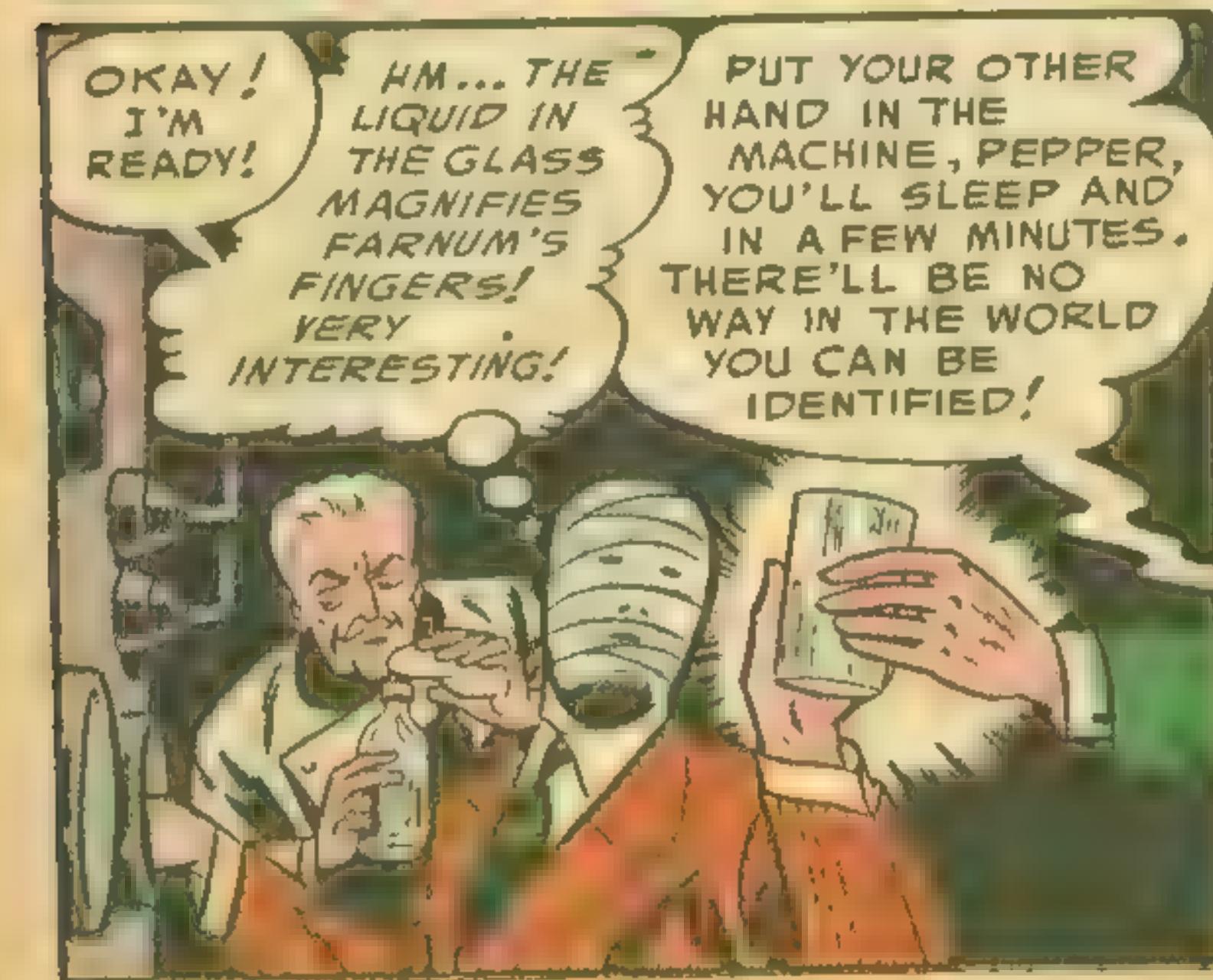
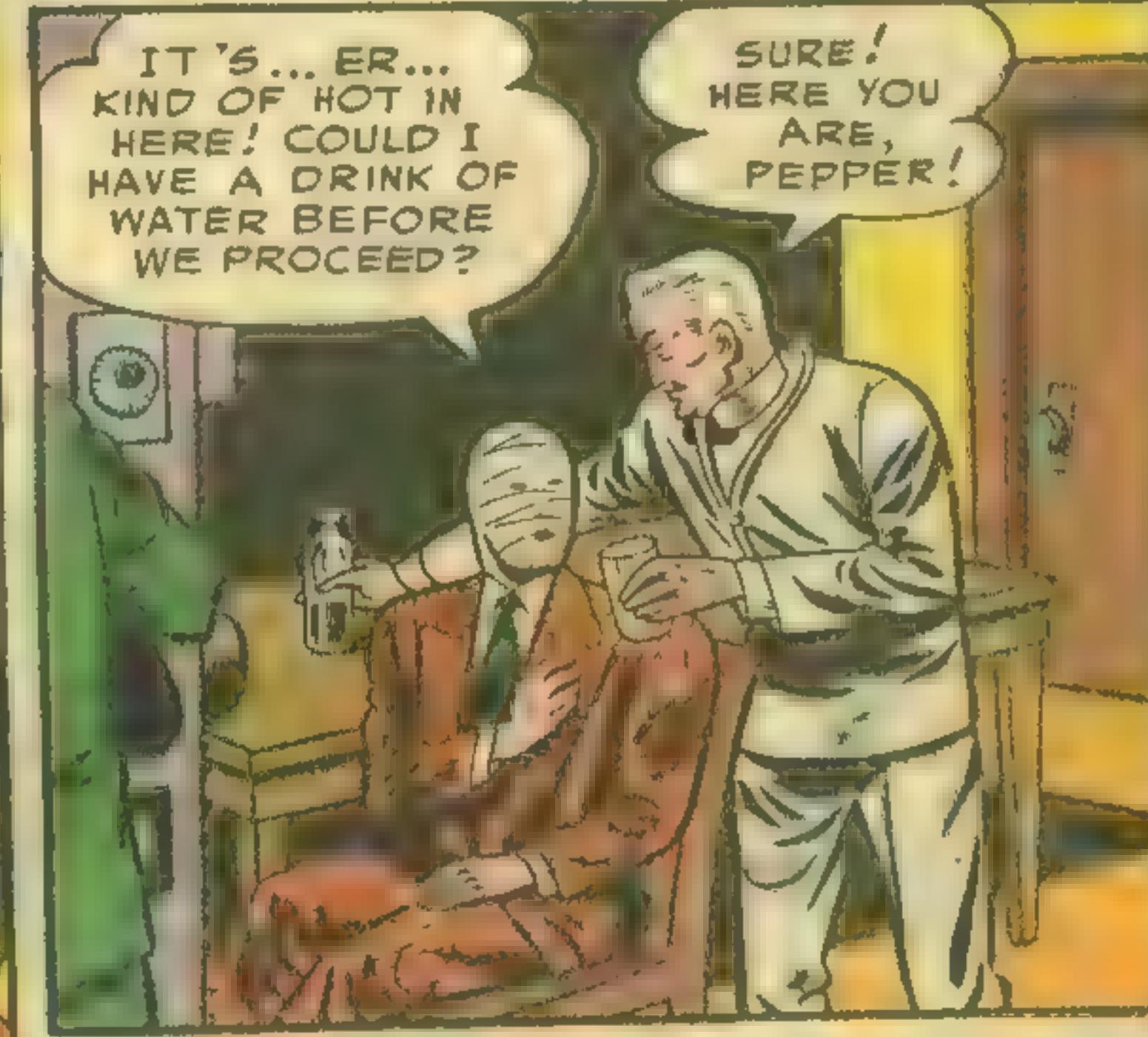
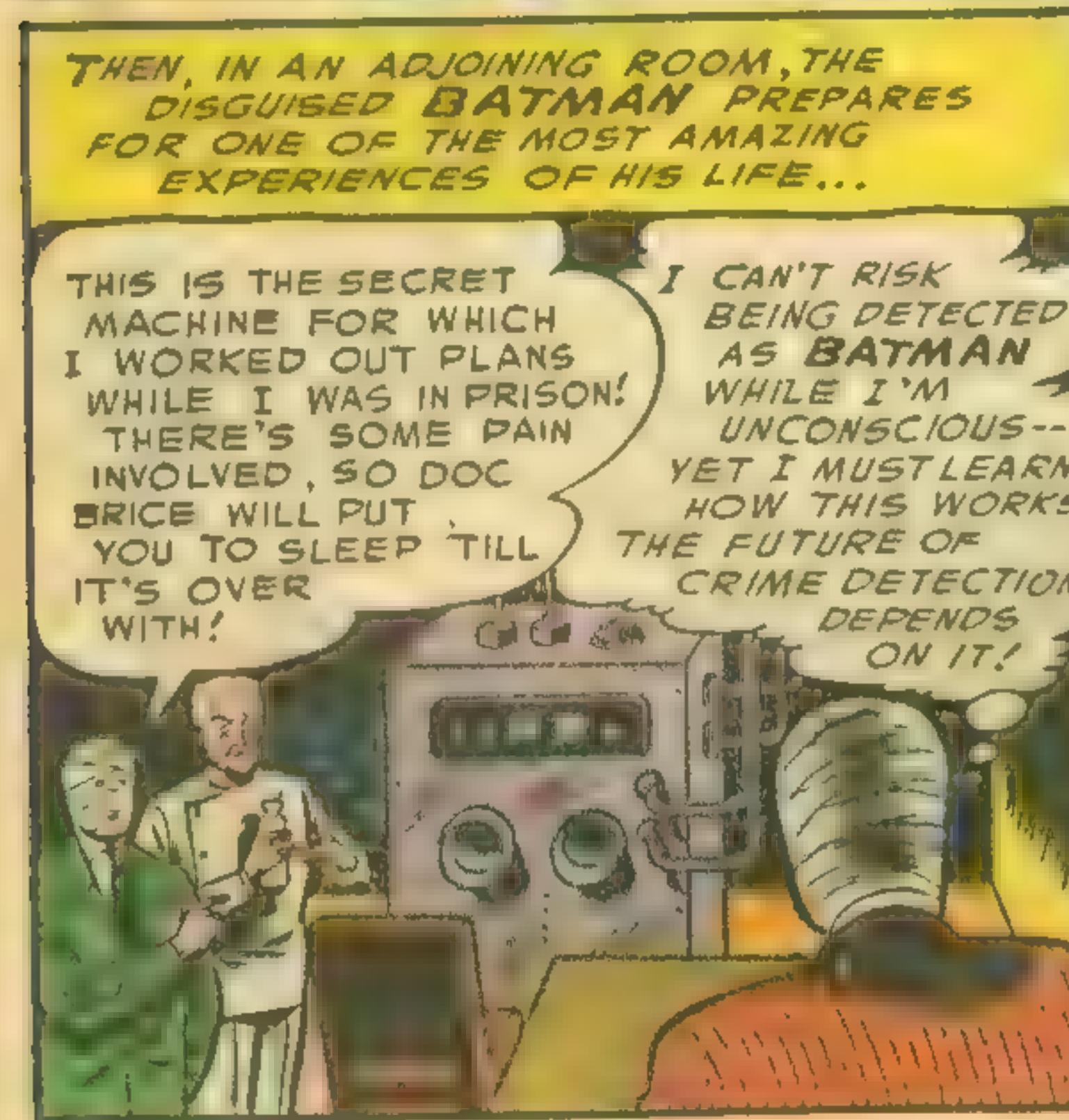
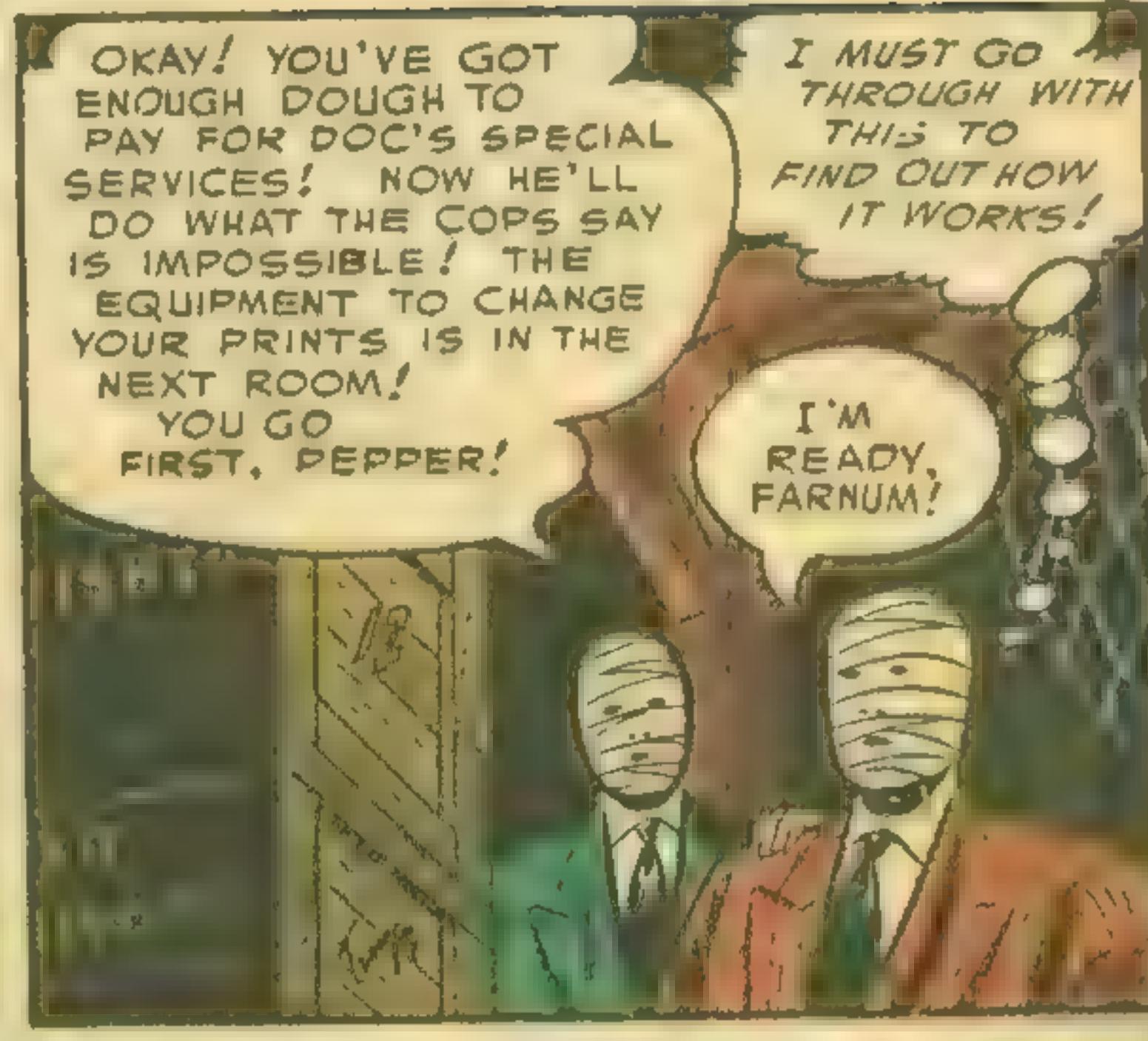
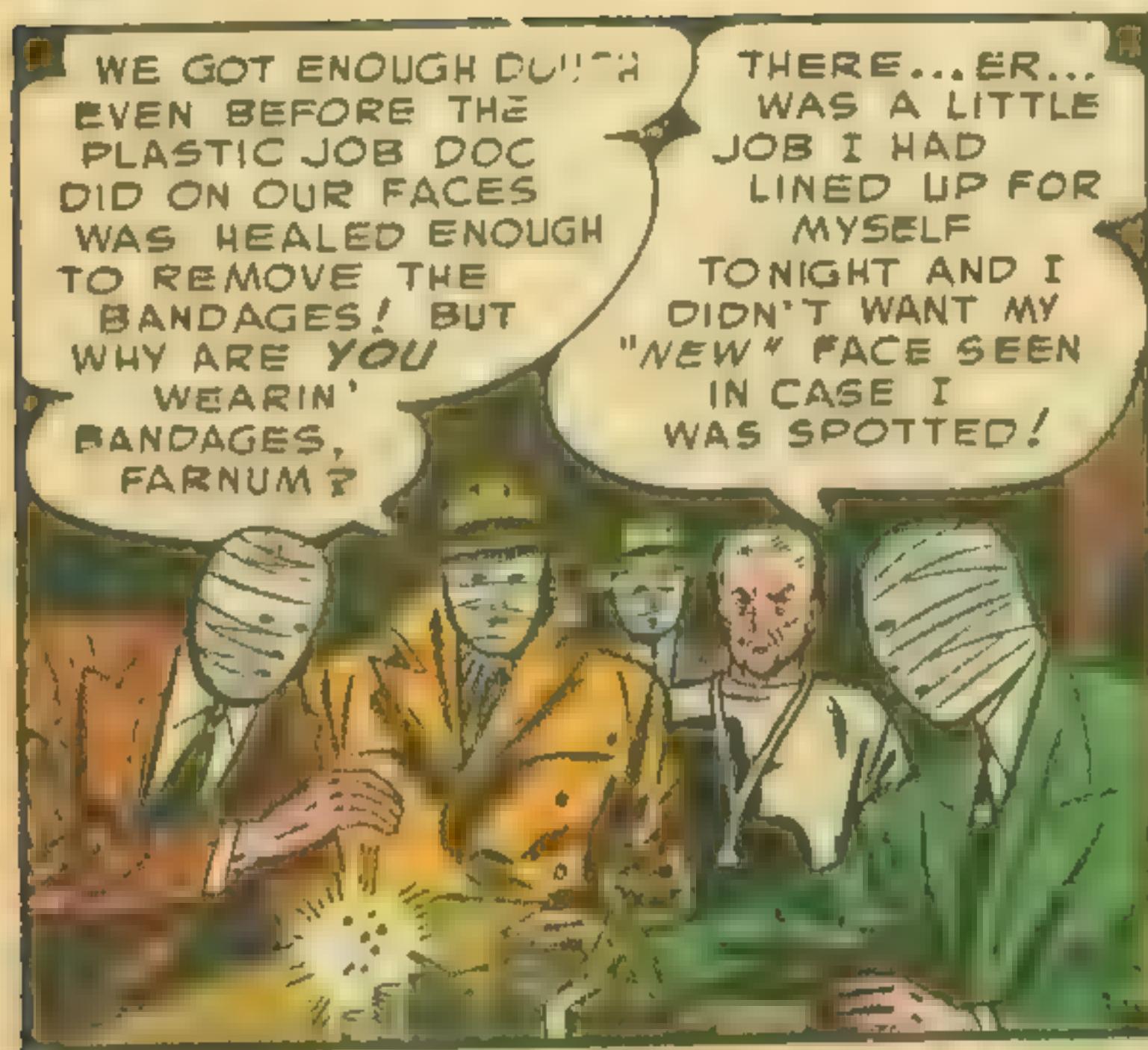


LATER, AT THE GOTHAM HOSPITAL...





BATMAN





BATMAN



BUT AS THE BLADES OF THE KNIFE SWITCH
ARE ABOUT TO CLOSE, SMASHING BATMAN
WITH A 20,000 VOLT FORCE...

YOU... YOU'RE NOT
PEPPER -- YOU'RE
BATMAN!
BUT THE ETHER DOC
GAVE YOU... IT WAS
ENOUGH TO KNOCK
OUT A HORSE!

WHEN I WAS
PRETENDING
TO DRINK, I ACTUALLY
SUBSTITUTED THE
WATER FOR THE
ETHER! WHAT
YOU GAVE ME FROM
THE "ETHER"
BOTTLE WAS
PLAIN H₂O--
WATER!

NOW LET'S HAVE A
LOOK AT WHAT
YOUR GAUZE
MASK IS
CONCEALING,
FARNUM!

BATMAN!

AND FARNUM!
BUT... BUT
HIS FACE!
IT'S JUST
THE WAY IT
USED TO BE--
BEFORE
HE HAD IT
CHANGED!

I FOLLOWED YOU
HERE, **BATMAN**,
AND I FOUND
THIS CHARACTER
WAITING IN A CAR
OUTSIDE! HE'S
THE GUY WHOSE
PRINTS WE TOOK
AT THE POLICE
ACADEMY WHEN WE
SUSPECTED HE
WAS FARNUM!

THIS IS HOW
FARNUM
"CHANGED"
HIS PRINTS!
PETE, HERE,
STUDIED FARNUM'S
EVERY MANNERISM
AND PASSED
HIMSELF OFF AS
FARNUM!

THEN THE REAL
FARNUM DIDN'T
CHANGE HIS
PRINTS AT ALL!
HE JUST HAD THIS
GUY STAND IN FOR
HIM AND NATURALLY
HE HAD A DIFFERENT
SET OF FINGERPRINTS!
HE EXPLAINED HIS FACE
BY SAYING HE'D HAD A
PLASTIC JOB DONE!

IT WAS ALL
A SCHEME
OF FARNUM'S
TO GET YOU
CHARACTERS
TO HAND OVER
YOUR STOLEN
LOOT!

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I'D STUDIED FARNUM'S
PRINTS SO LONG THAT I
RECOGNIZED THEM WHEN
I SAW HIS FINGERS MAGNIFIED
BY THE LIQUID IN THE GLASS
WHEN I HANDED IT TO
HIM! THAT'S WHEN
I FIGURED HIS
GAME!

HERE ARE TWO SETS OF
FARNUM'S PRINTS--ONE
SET MADE WHEN HE WAS
FIRST ARRESTED YEARS
AGO AND THE OTHER
MADE WHEN WE RETURNED
HIM TO PRISON YESTERDAY!
BUT AS YOU SEE,

ROBIN.

THEY'RE
EXACTLY
THE SAME!

WHICH PROVES
THAT CRIMINALS,
LIKE LEOPARDS,
CAN'T CHANGE
THEIR
"SPOTS"!



LEW FARNUM



LEW FARNUM

THE END

Buzzy

says

"START THE DAY OFF RIGHT!"

DANNY, COME RIGHT BACK HERE! YOU'VE GOTTEN SO YOU DON'T EAT ANY BREAKFAST ANY MORE!

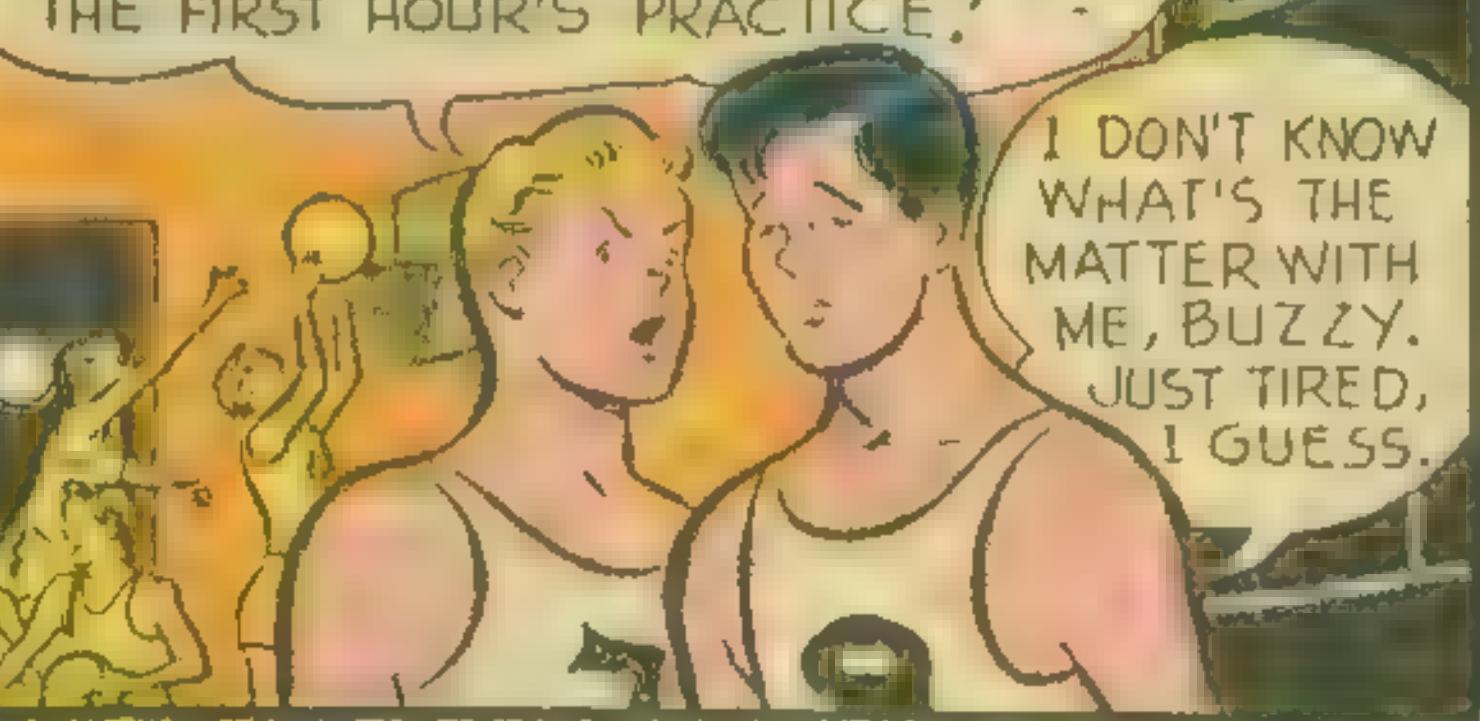
SORRY, MOM. GOT TO HURRY OR I'LL BE LATE TO SCHOOL... HI, BUZZY, WAIT FOR ME.

IF THIS KIND OF WORK KEEPS UP, YOU WON'T BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY BASKETBALL MUCH LONGER, DANNY. WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

I DON'T KNOW, MISS JONES. I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO THINK FAST ENOUGH!

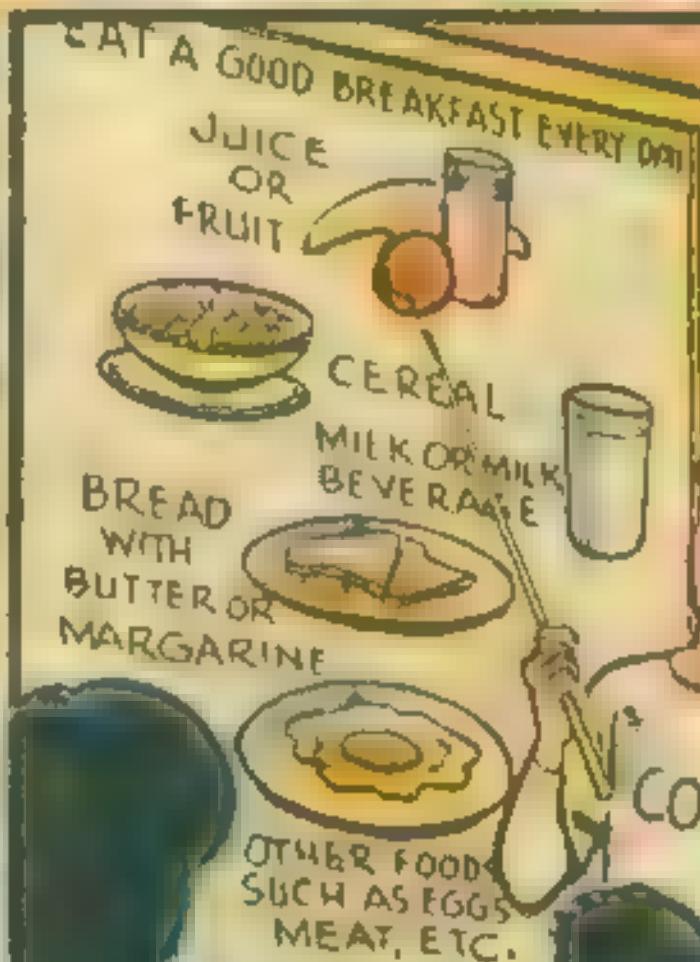


GOSH, DANNY, WE'LL NEVER WIN OUR GAMES AT THIS RATE. YOU USED TO BE OUR STAR PLAYER -- NOW YOU SEEM TO FOLD UP AFTER THE FIRST HOUR'S PRACTICE!

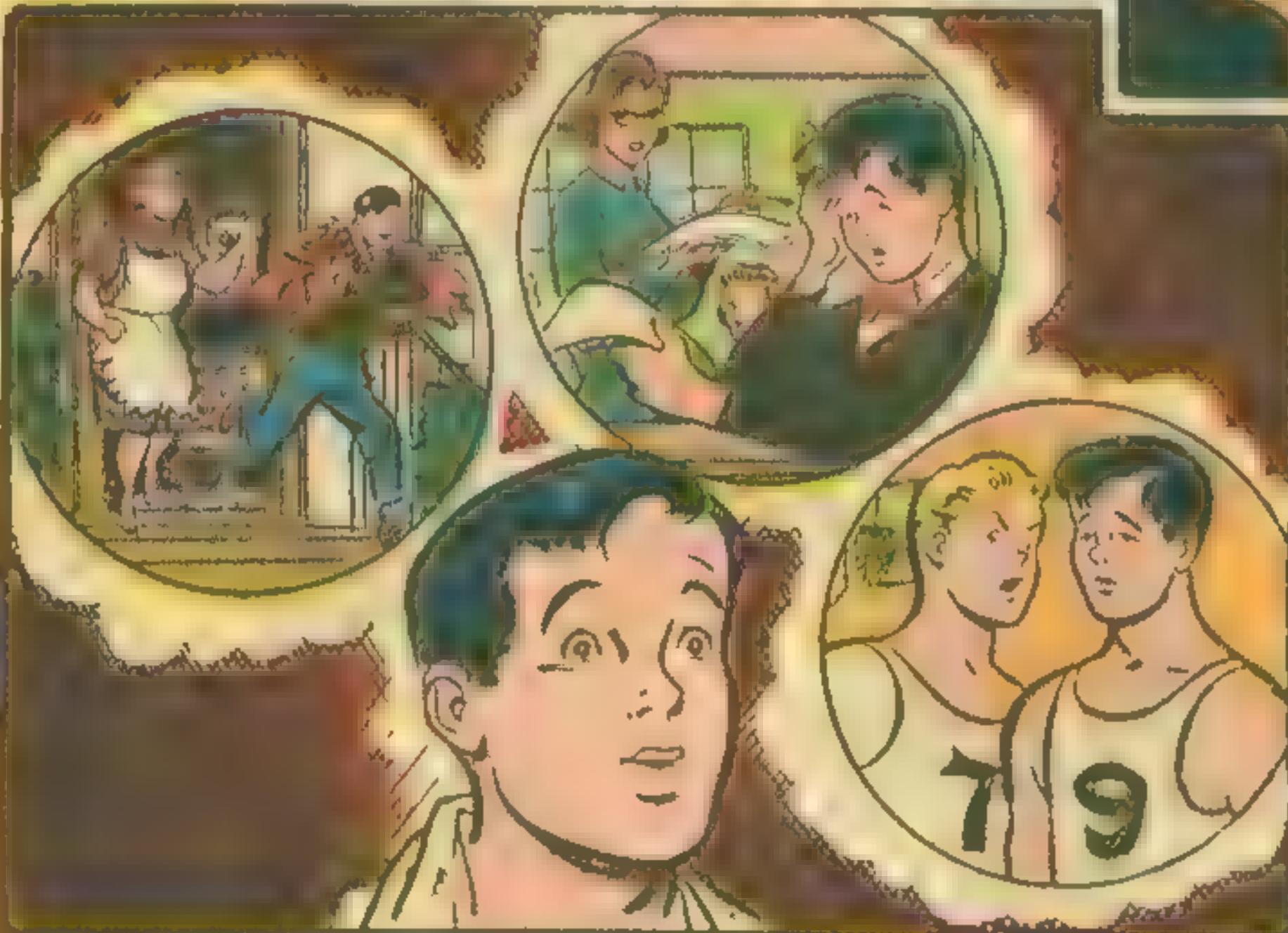


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME, BUZZY. JUST TIRED, I GUESS.

LOCKER ROOM



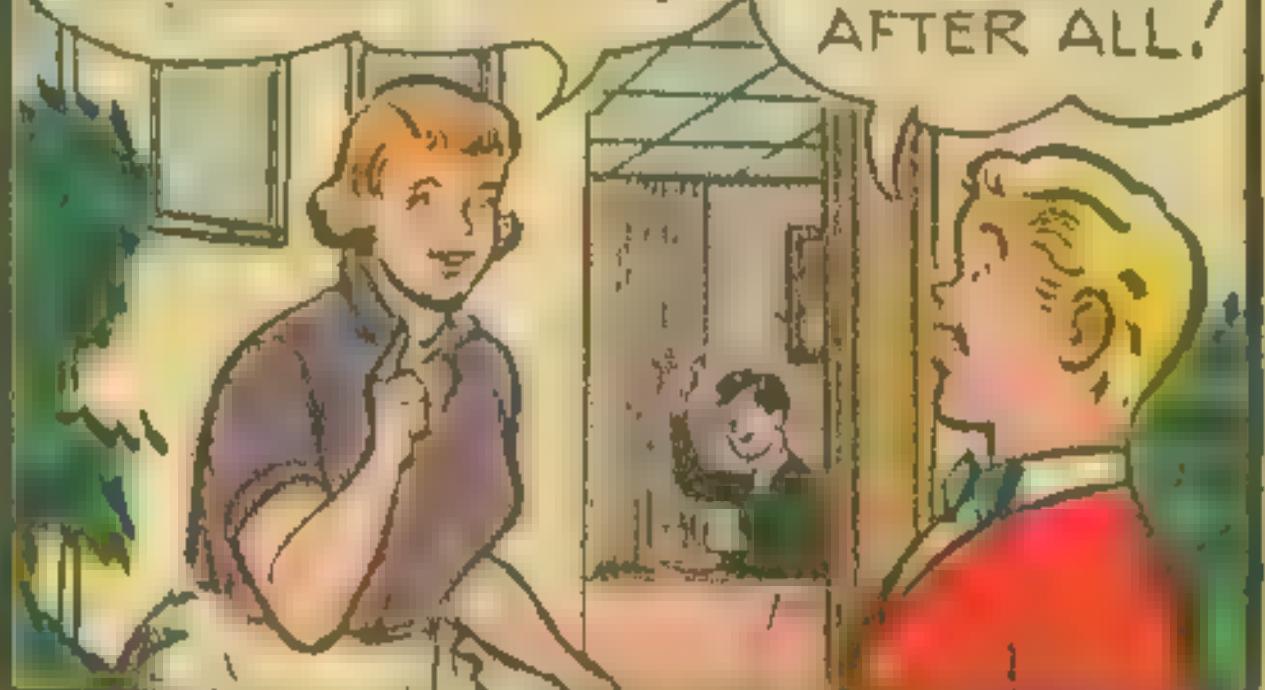
HERE'S AN IMPORTANT RULE FOR EVERY TEAM MEMBER. BREAKING IT MEANS YOU GET TIRED EASILY AND CAN'T DO WELL ON THE TEAM -- OR IN SCHOOL, EITHER.



NEXT MORNING...

DANNY'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE, BUZZY. HE GOT UP IN PLENTY OF TIME TO EAT HIS BREAKFAST TODAY!

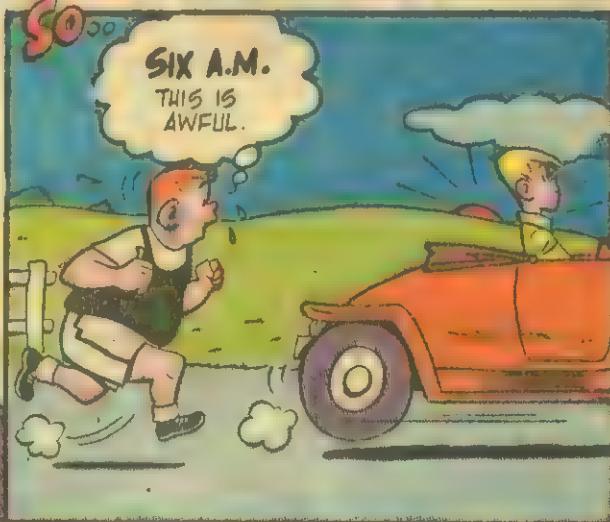
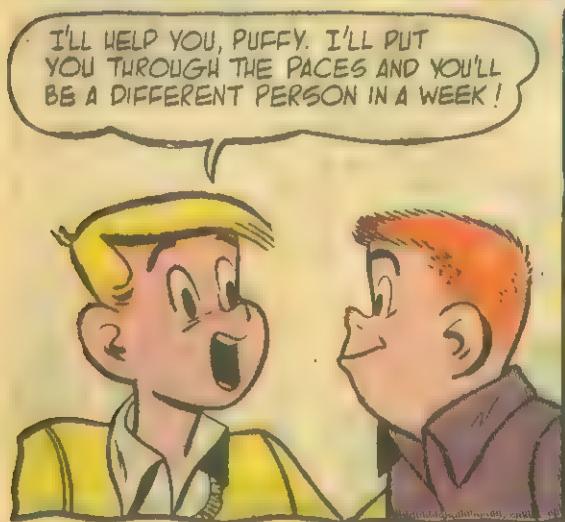
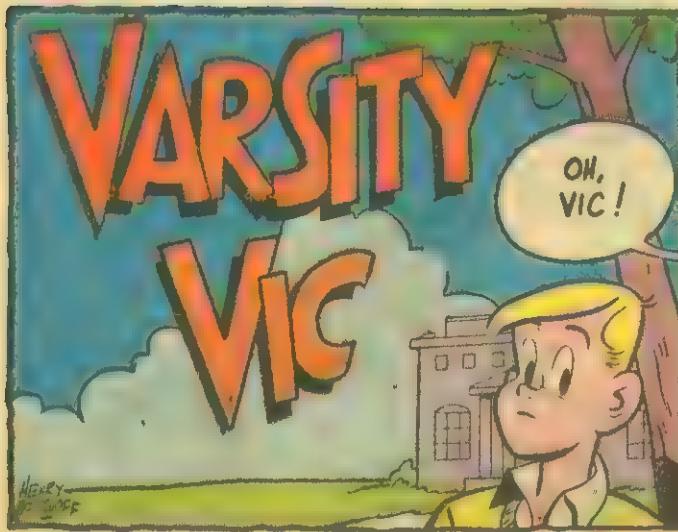
SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD BASKETBALL SEASON THIS YEAR, AFTER ALL!



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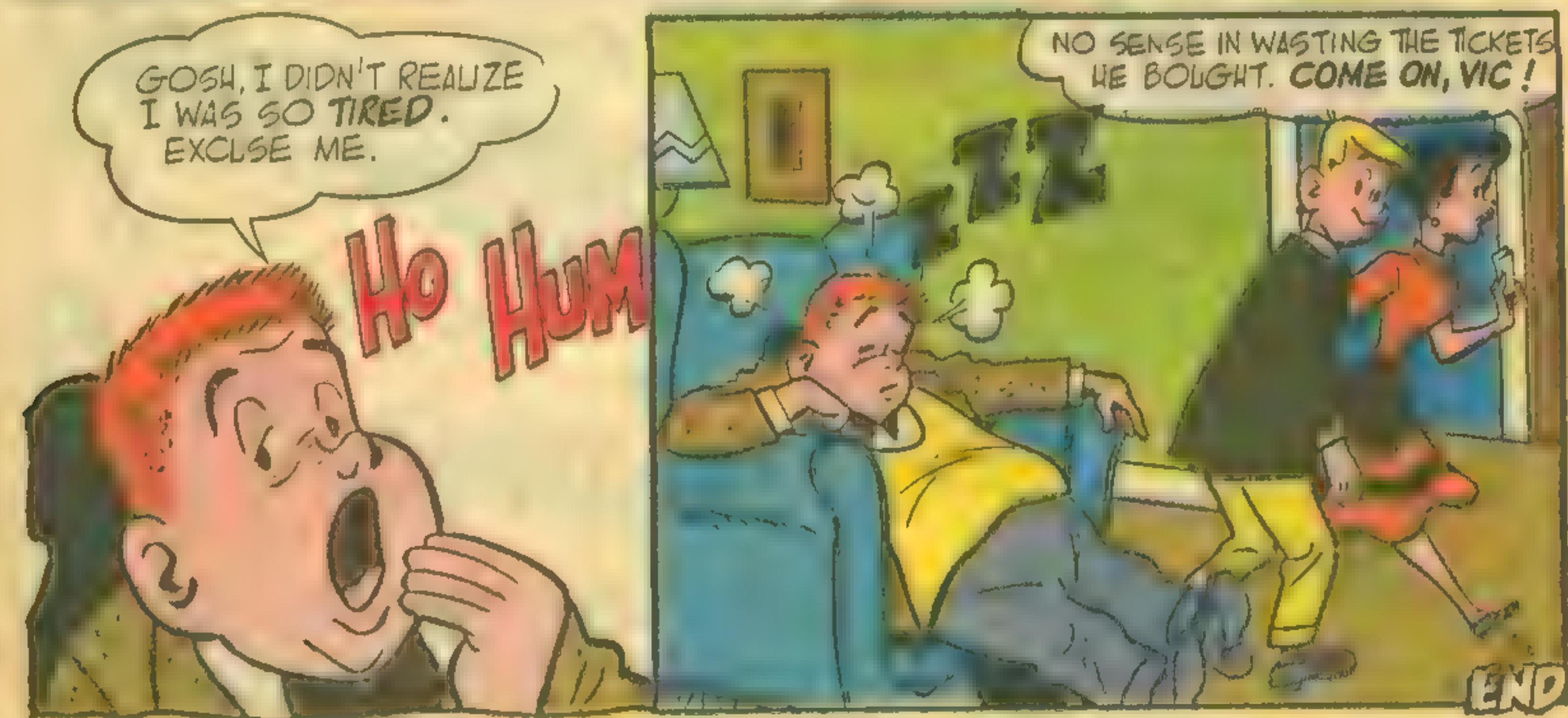


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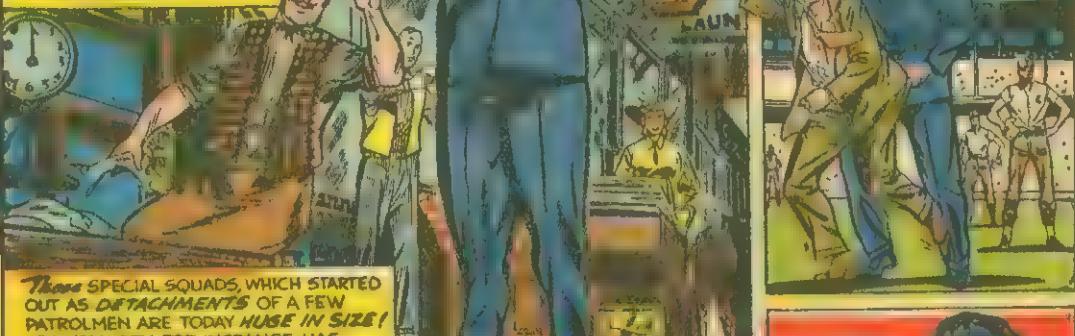
BATMAN



ORIGINALLY, THE PATROLMAN WAS SUPPOSED TO WALK HIS BEAT AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND VACANT LOTS, ... AND, IN ADDITION, GET TO KNOW THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA HE PATROLLED! HOWEVER, THE WORD "PATROLMAN" IS FAST BECOMING LITTLE MORE THAN A DESIGNATION OF RANK AND NO LONGER DESCRIBES THE TYPE OF WORK THE POLICEMAN DOES!

Patrolman!

TODAY, LARGE NUMBERS OF PATROLMEN ARE ASSIGNED AS SECURITY GUARDS TO COURTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BASEBALL PARKS AND PARADES! THESE SPECIAL GUARDS AND SPECIAL SQUADS NO LONGER ACTUALLY PATROL!



These special squads, which started out as detachments of a few patrolmen are today huge in size! New York City, for instance, has squads which are complete departments in themselves, such as the traffic squads, pick-pocket and aviation police squads!



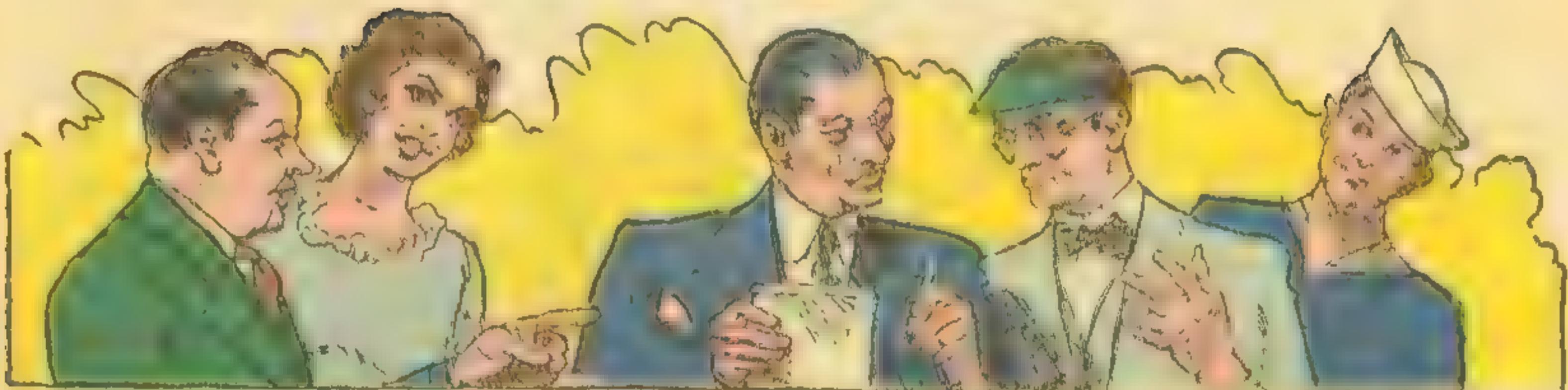
Thus, from the small patrol has developed the large police subdivision known as the department which has its detective's, captains, lieutenants and sergeants as well as the ordinary patrolman, who, due to conspicuous heroism, is occasionally advanced to the grade of detective!



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COP-ARTIST



Pad and Pencil Are His Weapons in the Fight Against Crime

THE three men who had witnessed the cold-blooded killing on 18th Street were too excited trying to give correct answers to the questioning detective to notice the small, thin man seated in a corner of the room at headquarters. Nor did the small, thin man seem to notice the witnesses.

Instead, he kept his eyes glued to a large sketch pad in his lap, and appeared to be doing nothing more important than doodling.

Meanwhile, the questioning continued.

"This first witness described the killer as being about five feet eleven inches, weighing about 200 pounds, blue eyes, dark brown hair, heavy chin. Is that the way you'd describe him?"

The second witness pursed his lips, gave the question some thought.

"Mmm, yes, except that his eyes were more green than blue, and 200 pounds is too heavy. I'd say he was closer to 175!"

The detective now turned to the third witness. "How about you?"

"I agree with their description, only they left out an important thing: he had short legs—too short for his body. I don't know why I noticed that, but I did!"

The detective nodded, approvingly. "Fine! Now if you three gentlemen will just wait a moment . . ." Without completing his sentence, the detective crossed to the small, thin man and bent low to peer at the sketch pad in his lap.

A minute later, the thin man looked up and without a word handed the detective the pad. The detective returned to the three waiting witnesses, and abruptly held up the pad.

The witnesses gulped and gasped. And, almost as one man, they shouted: "That's the man!"

The detective turned to the thin man, smiled and nodded. The thin man walked out.

As the witnesses began to leave, one of them turned to the detective.

"Who was he—a witness, too? I guess he must be, to sketch that killer so faithfully!"

The detective had the door open to let the last witness out.

"No," he said, "he's a police artist. That sketch was drawn from the descriptions you witnesses just supplied!"

There is a sequel to this incident. A few days later, a police officer caught a swift

glimpse of a familiar face near a pier. As he unobtrusively approached the man, he wracked his brain for an identification. Suddenly it clicked—the police artist's drawing! Half an hour later, the killer was behind prison bars.

And another victory for the cop-artist was chalked up at police headquarters.

The police artist's job seems like an enviable one, but it isn't half as easy as it looks. Even a good artist needs a model to work from. The police artist must accurately sketch a portrait of someone he has never seen. And to make matters worse, most witnesses, unlike those in the story above, disagree about what they have seen.

To give a oversimplified illustration, two men testify as to the height of a wanted criminal. One witness describes the wanted man as a tall man. The other witness is just as definitely certain that the wanted man is a short man! Why the disparity?

The answer is simple. The first witness was shorter than the wanted man he had seen. The second witness was taller! The police artist must be astute enough to take into account the natural distortions of which eye-witnesses are always guilty.

What qualifications must one have in order to become a police artist? First of all, he must know anatomy—particularly the head. He should have a flair for free-hand drawing, and be speedy about it. But most important of all, he should be an expert listener.

As one authority put it, he must have a good ear for details. The cop-artist must draw his sketches while listening to a verbal description by an eye-witness. His ear must tell him, in an instant, about the reliability of the eye-witness. He should be able to detect the difference in tone of an

eye-witness who has seen very little of the wanted criminal, but wants to be helpful just the same. Such eye-witnesses are the worst nuisances.

Then, there are little tricks he must learn. For instance, experience will teach him that, generally speaking, women make better eye-witnesses than men—especially when it comes to describing other women. In all cases, the tone of voice used will tell him how certain they are of their descriptions.

Recently, a man spotted a hood leaving the scene of a hold-up. Later, when he tried to give the police artist a description of the thief, he admitted that his glimpse was only a fleeting one.

"Besides," he added, "it was pretty dark outside."

But the police artist was optimistic. "Just do the best you can. Now, were his eyes close together, or wide apart?"

Step by step, the artist reconstructed the features on his sketch pad, laboriously digging out the answers from the hesitant eye-witness.

But when the artist completed the portrait and showed it to the eye-witness, the latter gasped:

"Why, I know this man! And, come to think of it, I know that crook! He lives just down the street from me!"

The eye-witness had been too excited at the time of the hold-up to think clearly and calmly, and in his excitement, had failed to consciously recognize the fleeing criminal. But an indelible impression had been made on his subconscious, and what the artist did was to drag the description out of the eye-witness' subconscious, thus enabling the latter to identify the thief.

—John Mabey

BATMAN



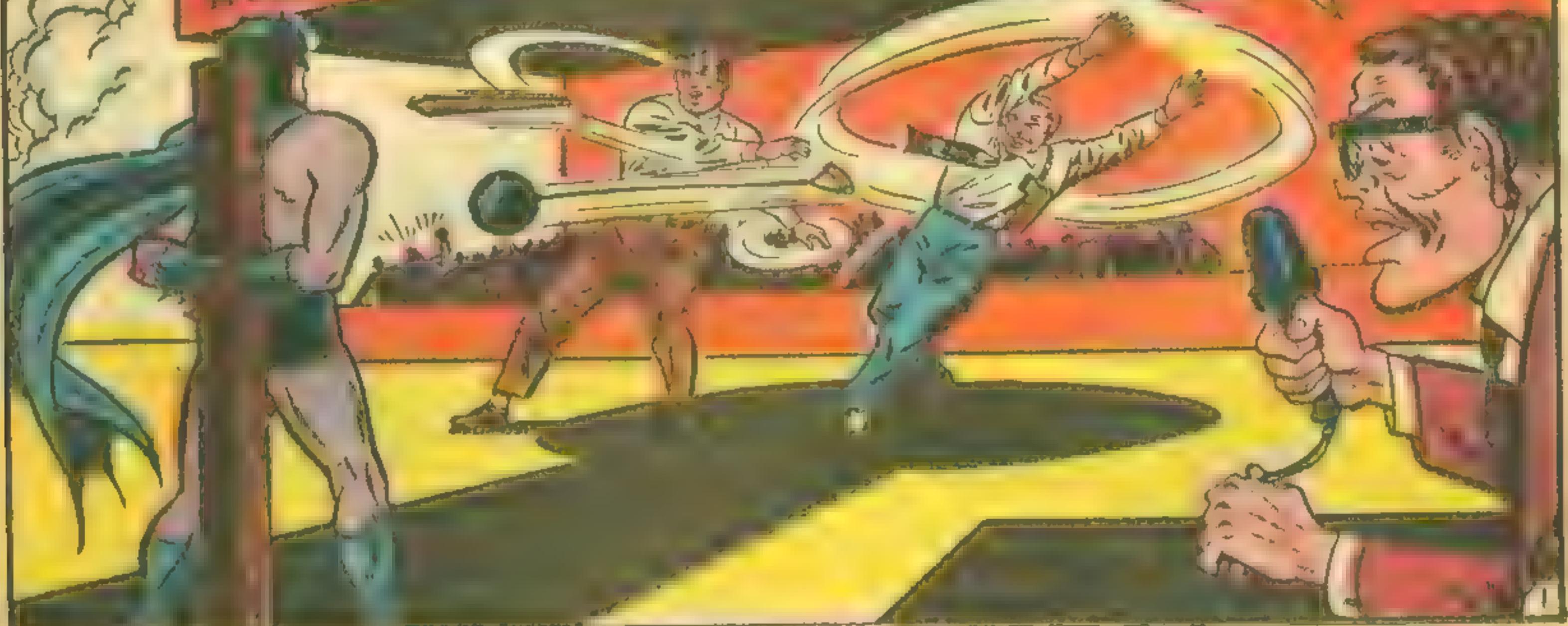
BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

WHO IS THE MOST SKILLFUL SAFECRACKER OF THE UNDERWORLD?... THE BOLDEST BANDIT?... THE TOP THIEF? THAT QUESTION'S DECIDED WHEN THE STRANGEST SPORTS CONTEST IN HISTORY IS STAGED -- A CONTEST TO DECIDE THE CHAMPIONS OF CRIME! AND THOSE TWO CHAMPION LAW MEN, BATMAN AND ROBIN, NEED ALL THEIR DARING DETECTIVE GENIUS TO FIGHT THE SINISTER SCHEME BEHIND...

"The OLYMPIC GAMES of CRIME!"

BOB KANE
WELCOME TO OUR UNDERWORLD OLYMPICS!
OUR NEXT OLYMPIC EVENTS... THE JAVELIN AND HAMMER-THROWING CONTESTS!





BATMAN



WHEN CONCEITED CRIMINALS GET TOGETHER, MANY AN ARGUMENT DEVELOPS OVER WHO'S THE GREATEST...



AND CRIME CHIEF "DIMPLES" DREW OUTLINES A PLAN DESTINED TO TEAR GOTHAM CITY WIDE OPEN...

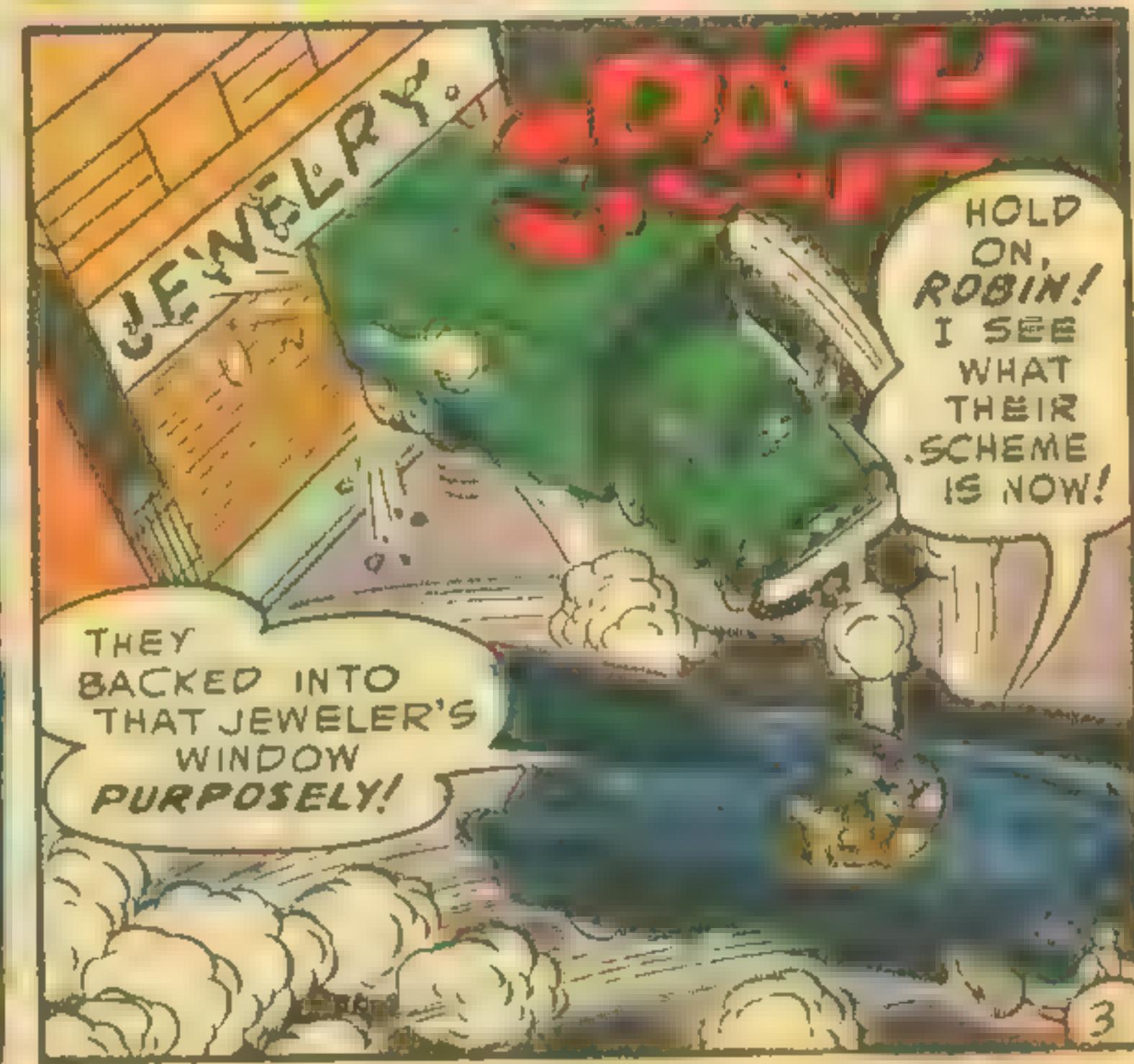
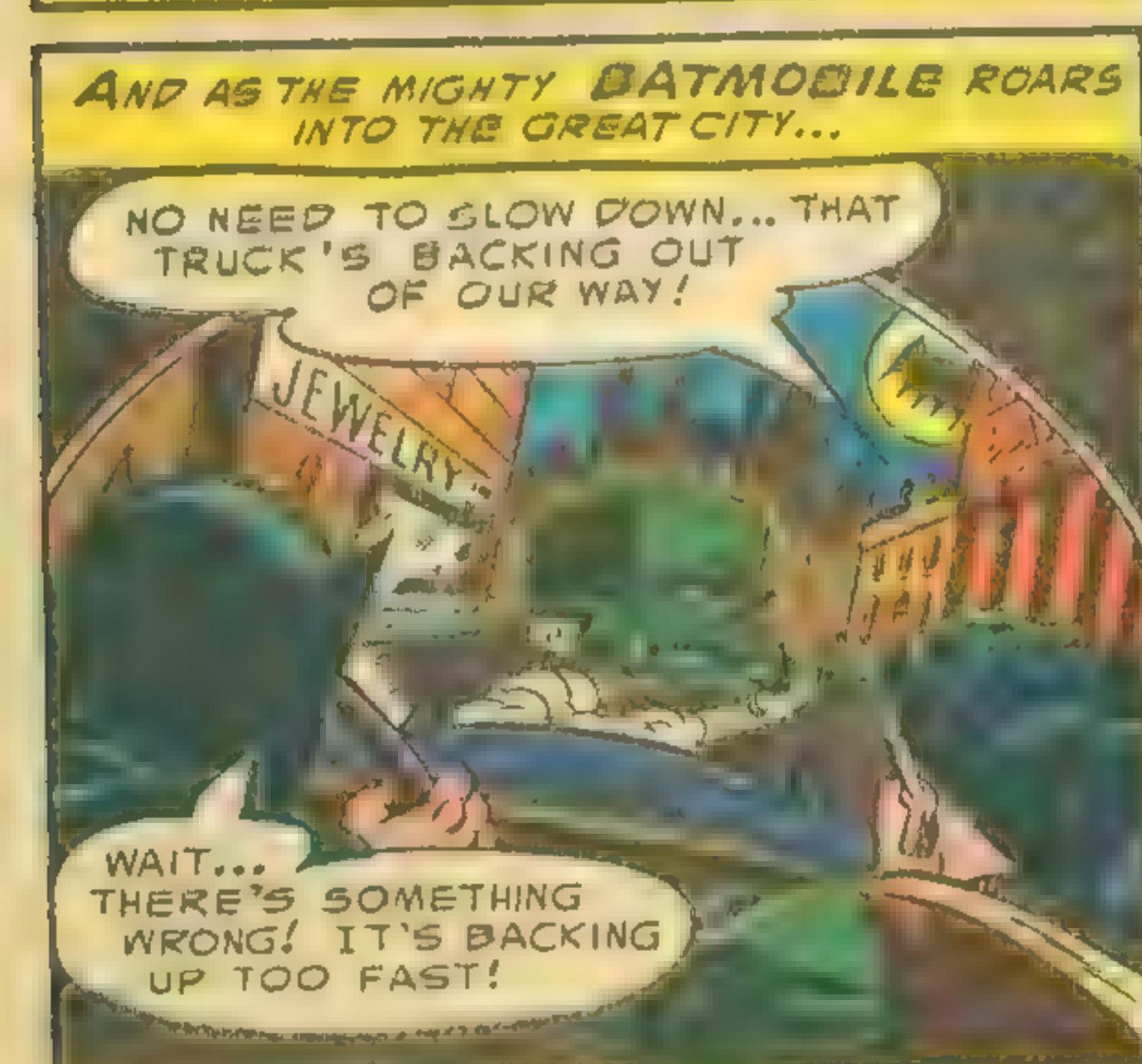
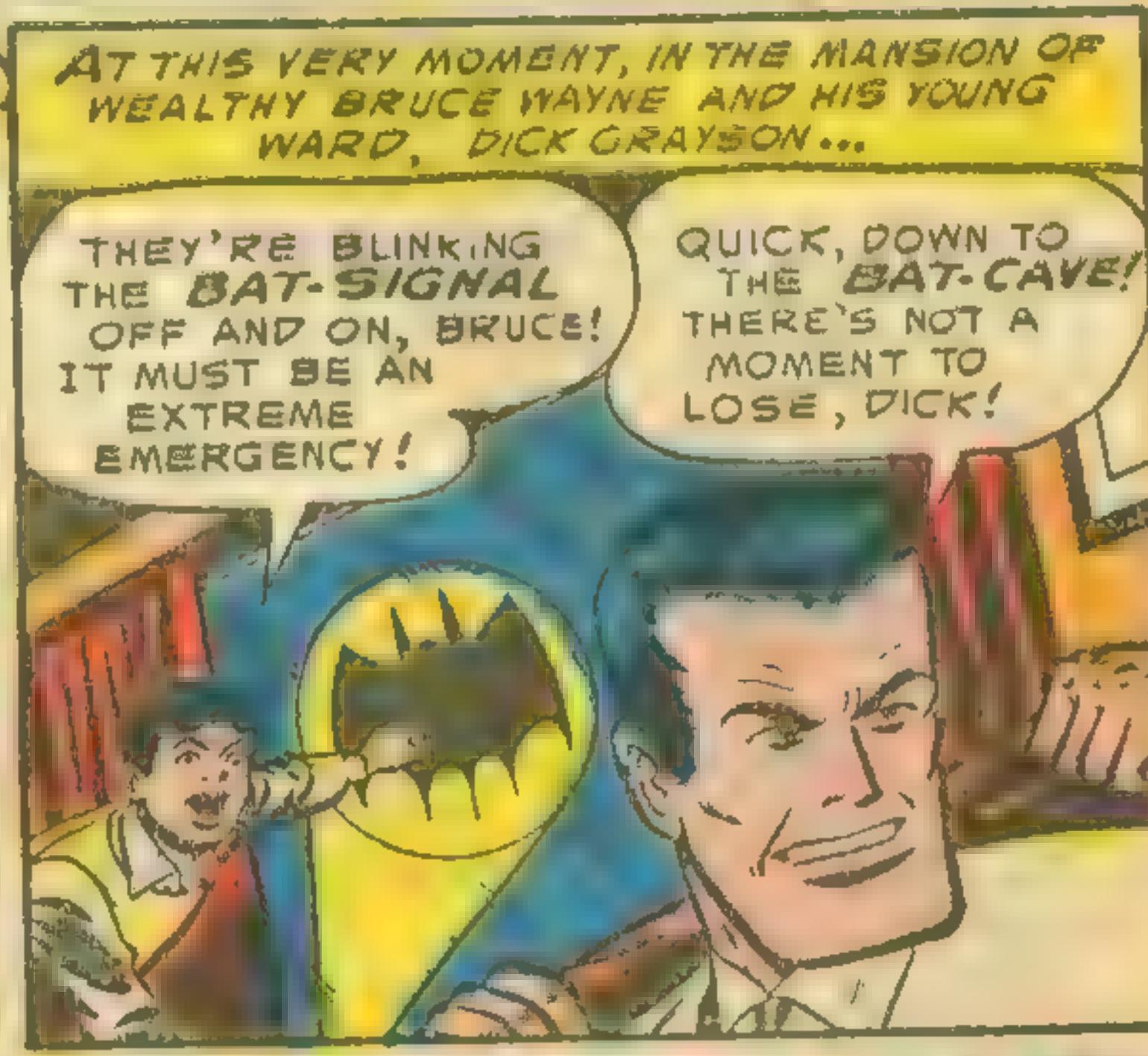
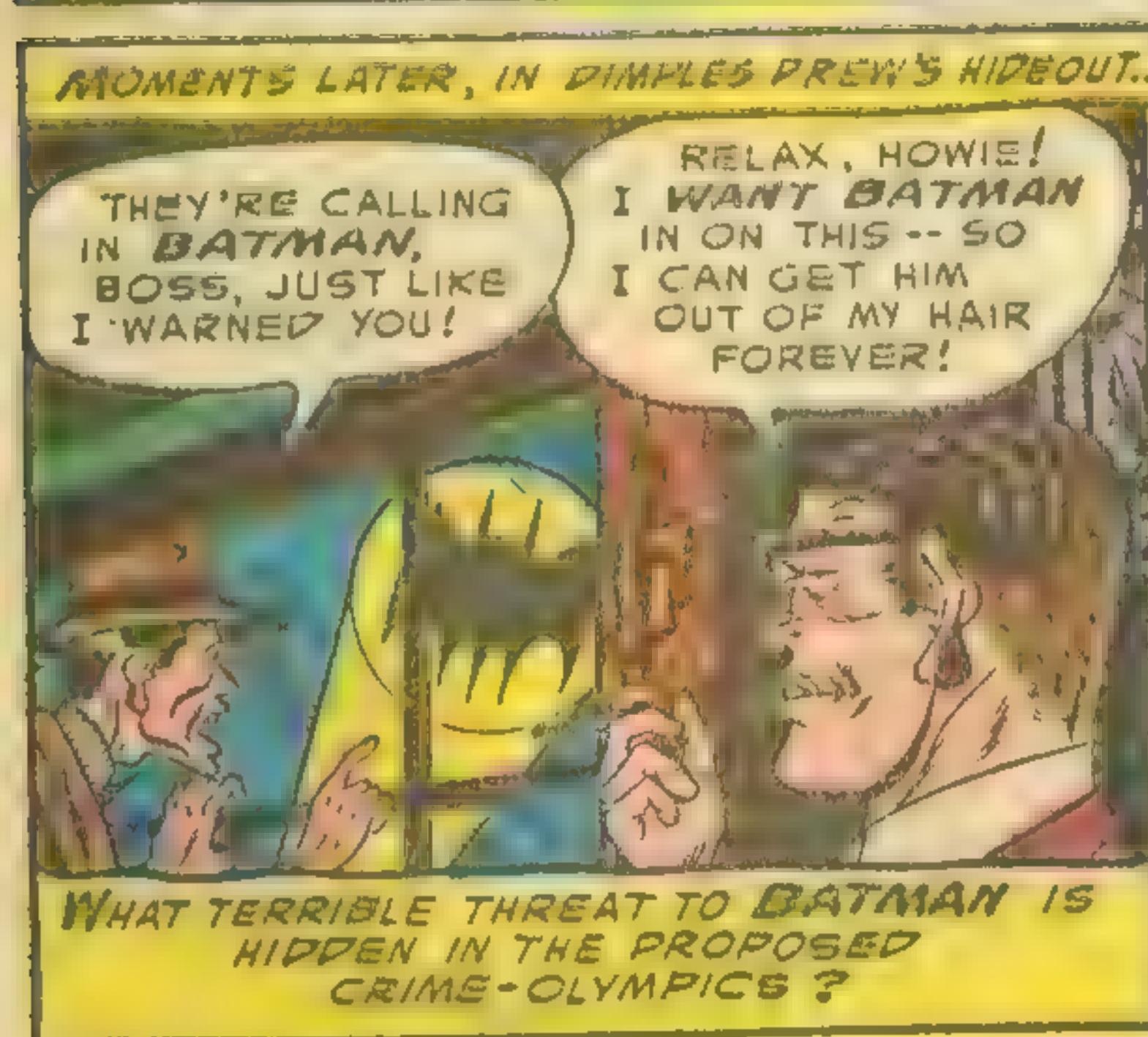
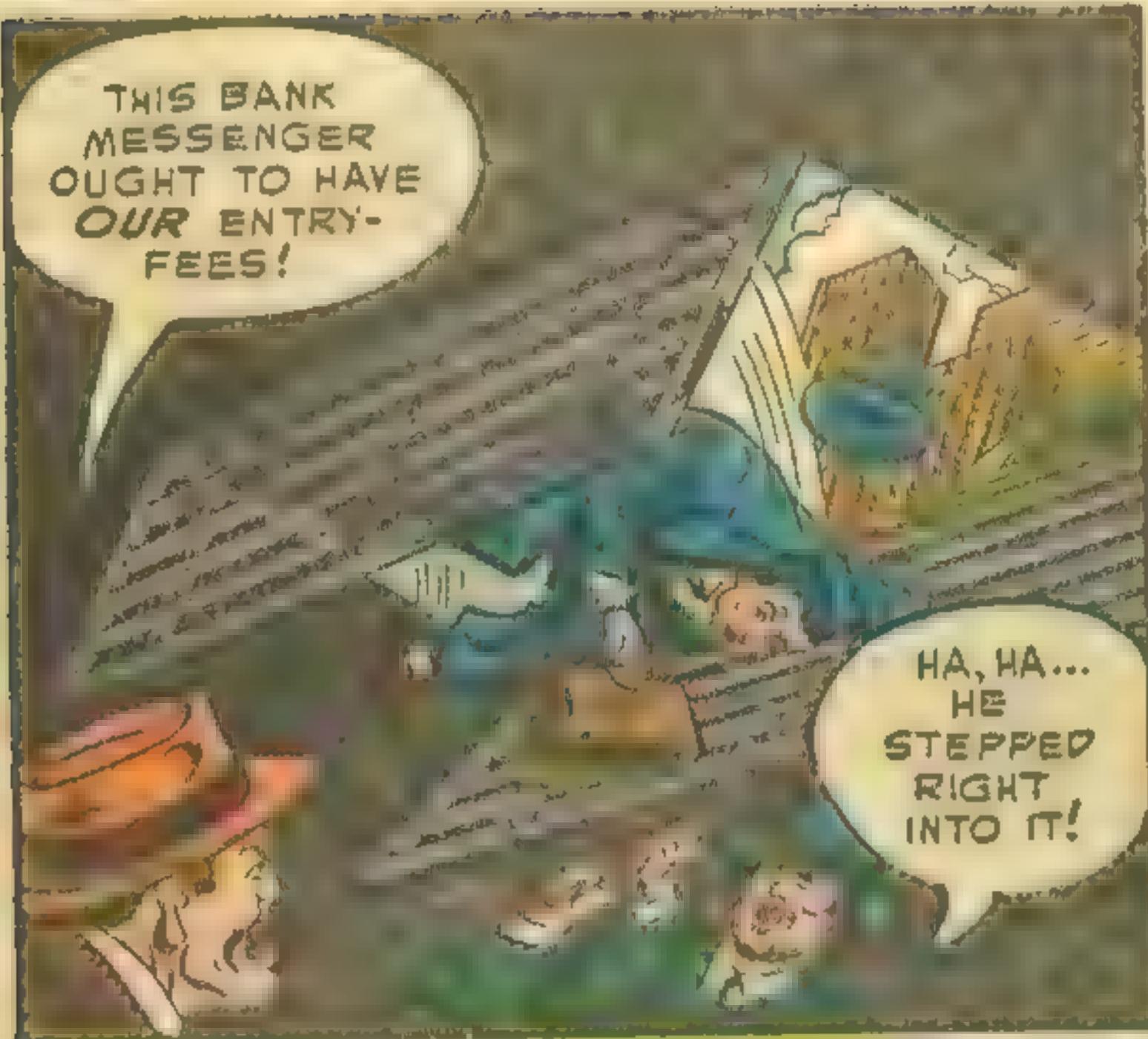


BEFORE LONG, CROOKS FROM ALL OVER POUR INTO GOTHAM CITY, GREEDY FOR PRIZE MONEY AND EAGER TO DISPLAY THEIR SKILL...





BATMAN





BATMAN



AND INSIDE THE MASSIVE VEHICLE...

NOW WE CAN GRAB THE JEWELS DIMPLES TOLD US TO BRING FOR OUR ENTRY-FEES, THEN CLOSE THE DOORS AGAIN AND ROLL!

AND THE STEEL SIDES OF THE TRUCK PROTECT US FROM ANY COPS WHO SHOW UP! WHAT AN IDEA!



BUT AS THE SMASH-AND-GRABBERS START AWAY...

YOW!
WHAT HIT US?

THAT'LL JAM THE BACK OF THE TRUCK AGAINST A SOLID WALL SO THEY CAN'T ESCAPE!

GOOD THING THE BATMOBILE HAS A SHOCK-BUMPER!



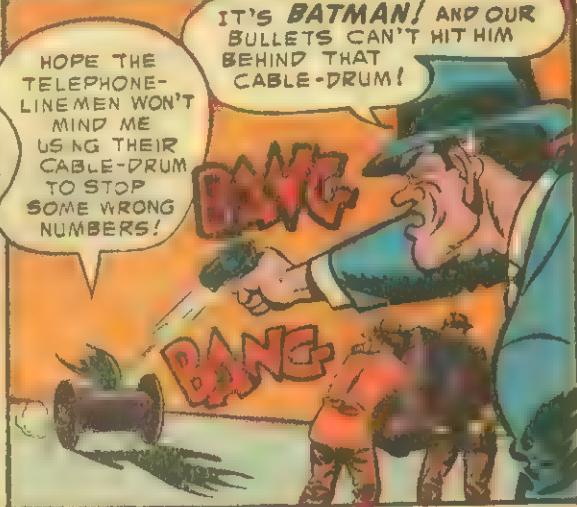
WAIT, BATMAN...
LOOK! SOMEONE ELSE IS STEALING A LOCKED SAFE!

IT'S SWINGSMELDEN AND HIS HOODS! YOU WATCH THESE RATS... I'LL HANDLE THOSE OTHERS!



IT'S BATMAN! AND OUR BULLETS CAN'T HIT HIM BEHIND THAT CABLE-DRUM!

HOPE THE TELEPHONE-LINEMEN WON'T MIND ME USING THEIR CABLE-DRUM TO STOP SOME WRONG NUMBERS!



C'MON... IT'S TOO HOT HERE IN GOTHAM CITY WITH BATMAN ON THE LOOSE! WE'LL GET OUR ENTRY-FEE LOOT IN SOME OTHER TOWN!

NO CHANCE TO STOP THEM... I'D BETTER GET TO HEADQUARTERS WITH THESE OTHERS WE CAUGHT!



SOON, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

BATMAN, YOU AND ROBIN HAVE STEMMED THIS WAVE OF CRIME... BUT WHY HAS THE WHOLE TOWN SUDDENLY BEEN INVADED BY CROOKS?

THERE MUST BE SOME CAUSE FOR THIS SUDDEN ERUPTION... WE'LL FIND OUT, AND STRIKE AT ITS CENTER!





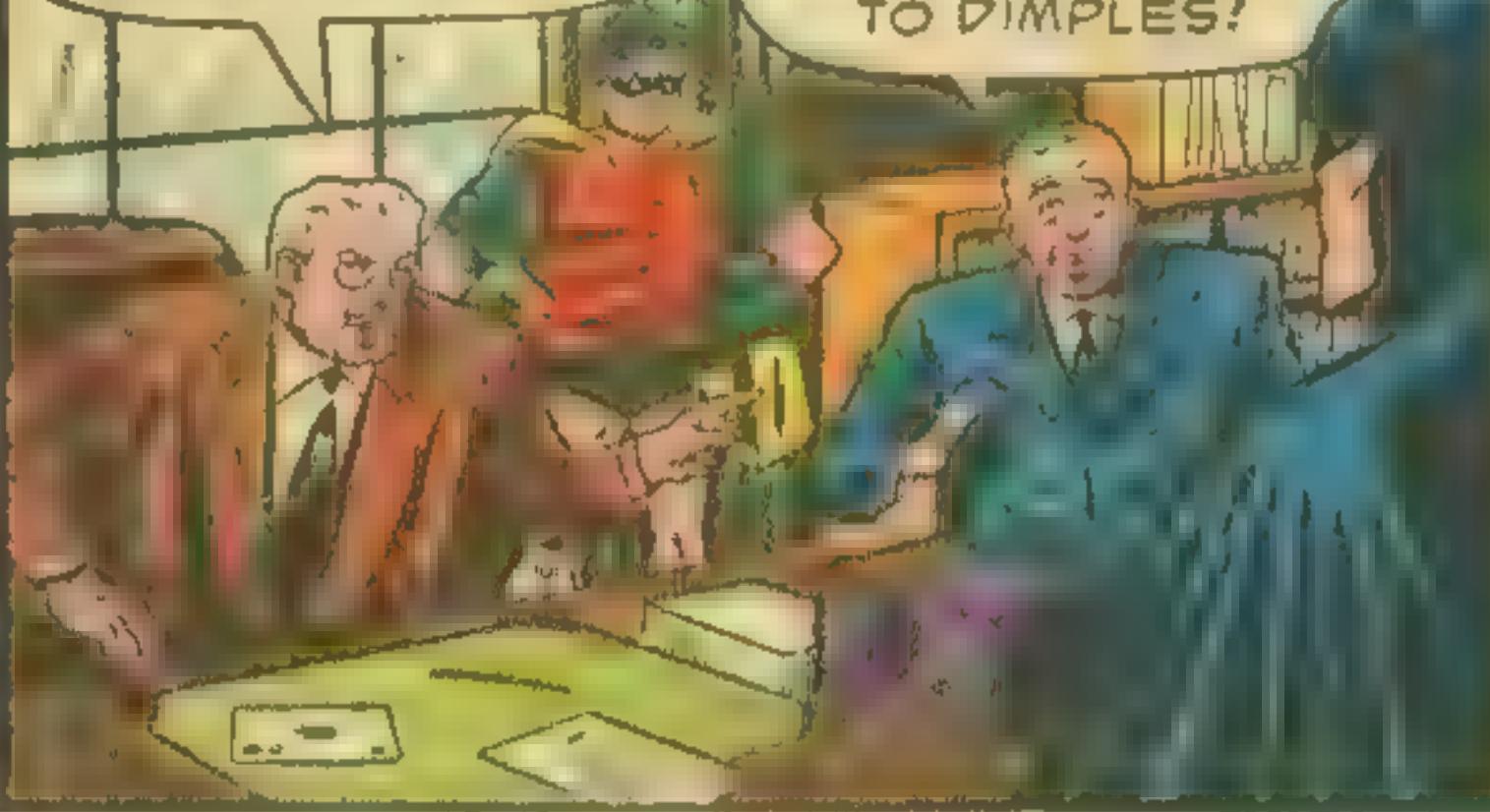
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AND IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

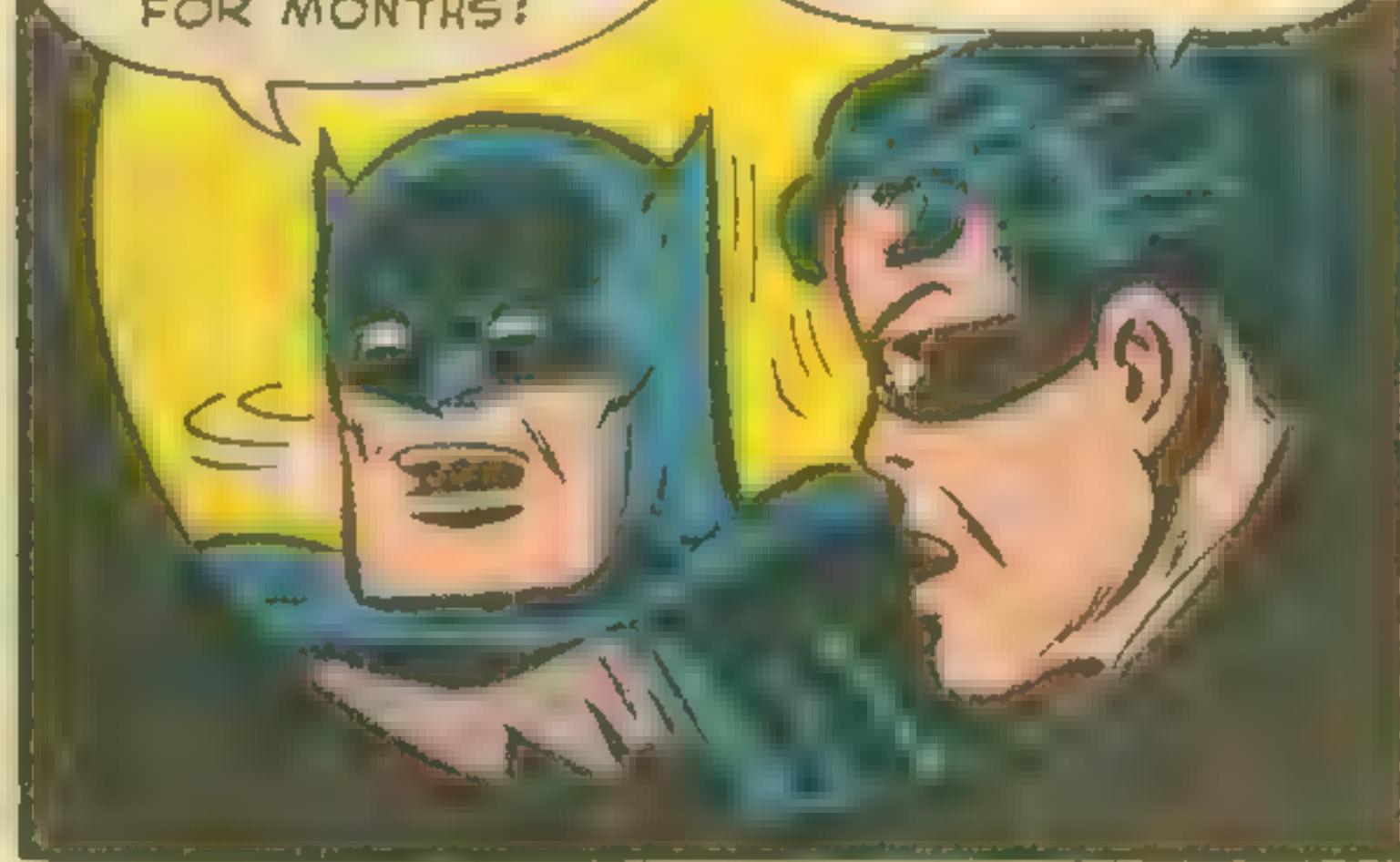
THIS WATCHMAN AT THE DENTAL SUPPLY COMPANY OVERHEARD SOMETHING, BUT IT SOUNDS CRAZY TO ME!

THE CROOKS WHO CARRIED OUT THE GOLD BOX... THEY SAID IT WOULD PAY THEIR ENTRY-FEE IN THE OLYMPICS TO DIMPLES!



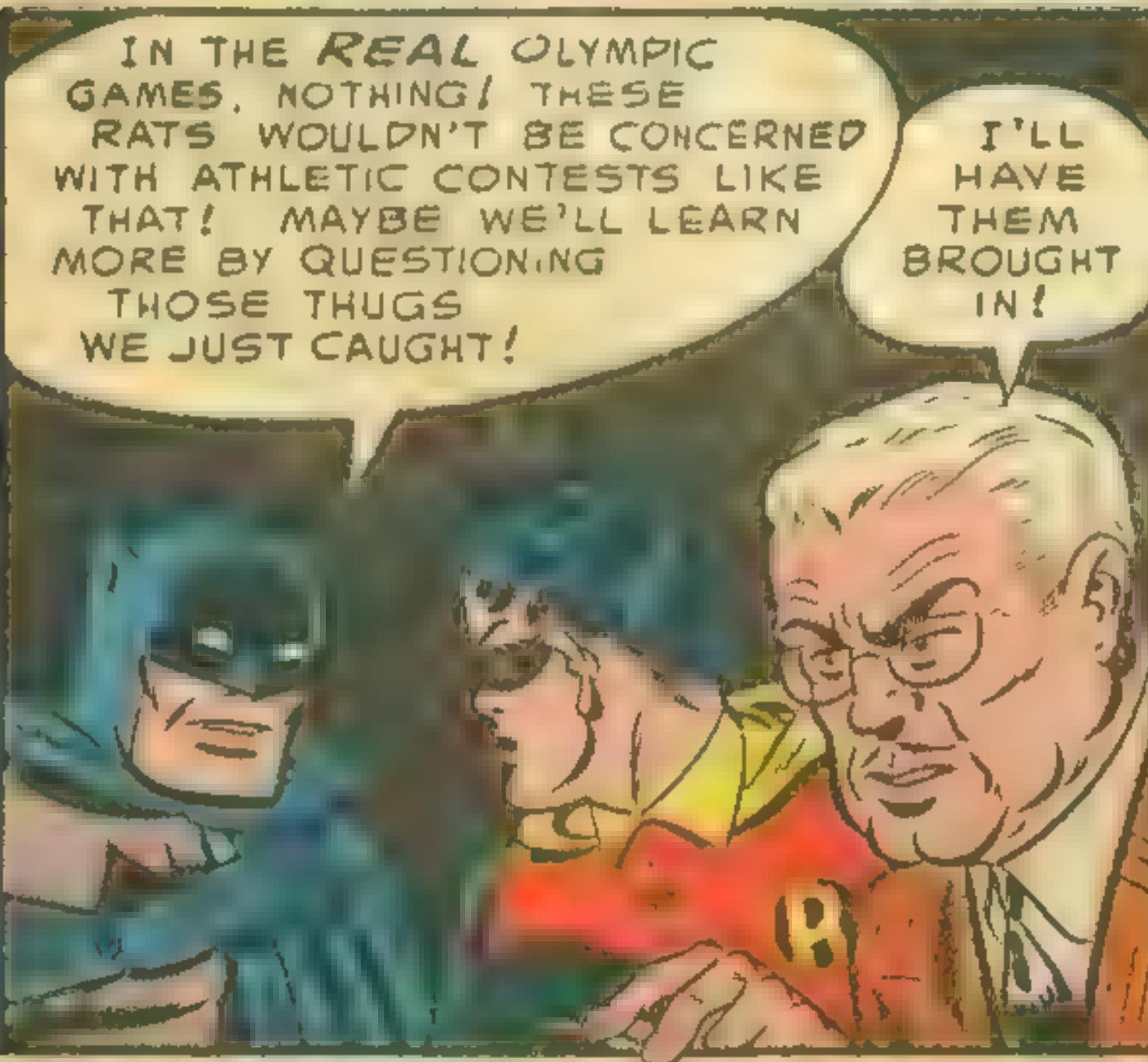
DIMPLES DREW! THEY MUST HAVE MEANT THAT! SO HE'S BEHIND THIS! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM FOR MONTHS!

BUT THAT STUFF ABOUT OLYMPIC ENTRY-FEES... IT'S INSANE! WHAT INTEREST WOULD CRIMINALS HAVE IN THE OLYMPICS?



IN THE REAL OLYMPIC GAMES, NOTHING! THESE RATS WOULDN'T BE CONCERNED WITH ATHLETIC CONTESTS LIKE THAT! MAYBE WE'LL LEARN MORE BY QUESTIONING THOSE THUGS WE JUST CAUGHT!

I'LL HAVE THEM BROUGHT IN!



AND WHEN BATMAN CONFRONTS THE CAPTURED CRIMINALS...

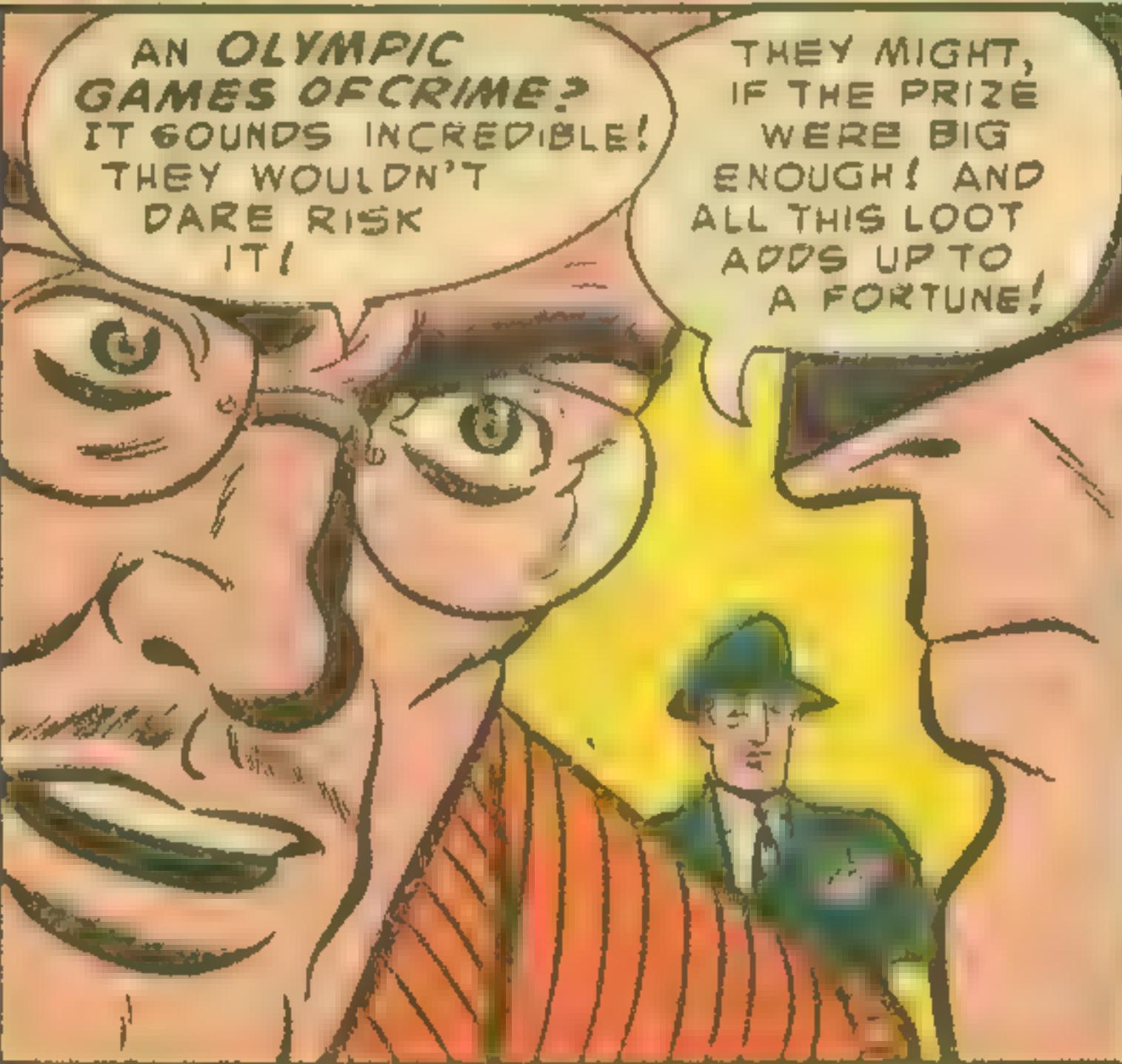
WELL-WELL... LEFTY LANNING, A NOTORIOUS SMASH-AND-GRAB MAN FROM OUT WEST! DON'T TELL ME YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST FOR... ER... DIMPLES' OLYMPICS!

SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OLYMPICS, EH, BATMAN? WELL, IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD... DIMPLES IS EVEN HOPING YOU'D TRY TO STOP HIM!



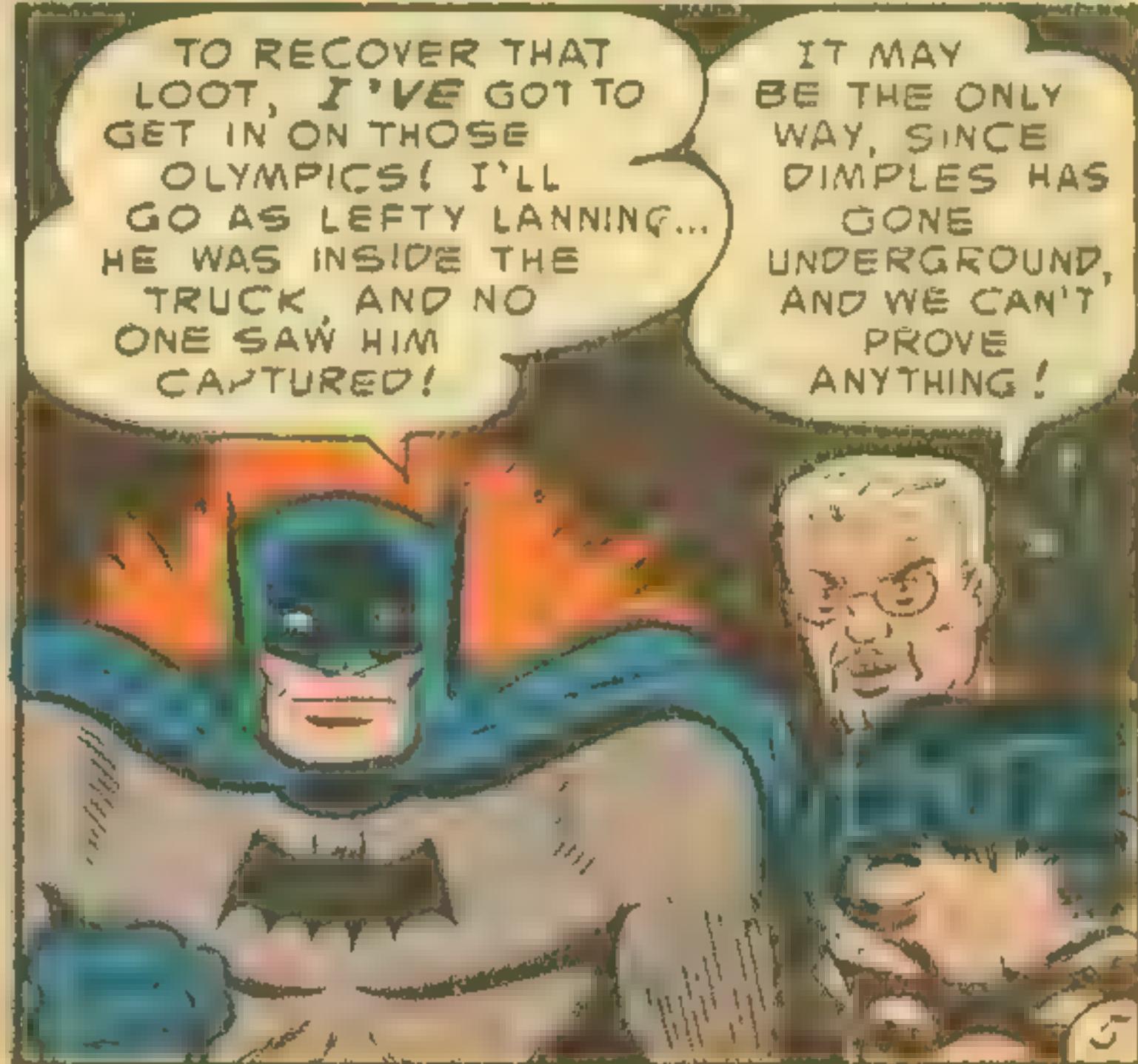
AN OLYMPIC GAMES OF CRIME? IT SOUNDS INCREDIBLE! THEY WOULDN'T DARE RISK IT!

THEY MIGHT, IF THE PRIZE WERE BIG ENOUGH! AND ALL THIS LOOT ADDS UP TO A FORTUNE!



TO RECOVER THAT LOOT, I'VE GOT TO GET IN ON THOSE OLYMPICS! I'LL GO AS LEFTY LANNING... HE WAS INSIDE THE TRUCK, AND NO ONE SAW HIM CAPTURED!

IT MAY BE THE ONLY WAY, SINCE DIMPLES HAS GONE UNDERGROUND, AND WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING!





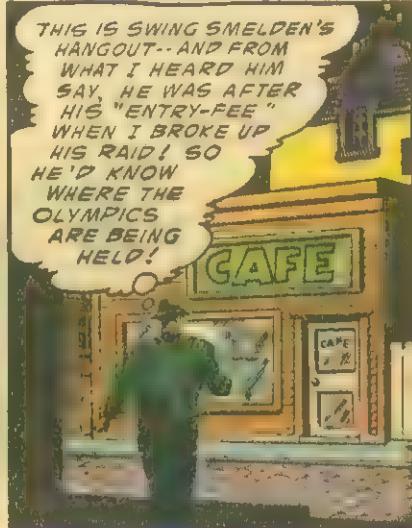
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AFTERWARD, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE, MARVELOUS MAKEUP SKILL QUICKLY TRANSFORMS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER...



THUS, AWHILE LATER, AS "LEFTY LANNING" REACHES A WELL-KNOWN UNDERWORLD HAUNT...



THEN, INSIDE...



AND AFTER AN HOUR'S DRIVE OUT TO THE LONELY COUNTRYSIDE SURROUNDING GOTHAM CITY...



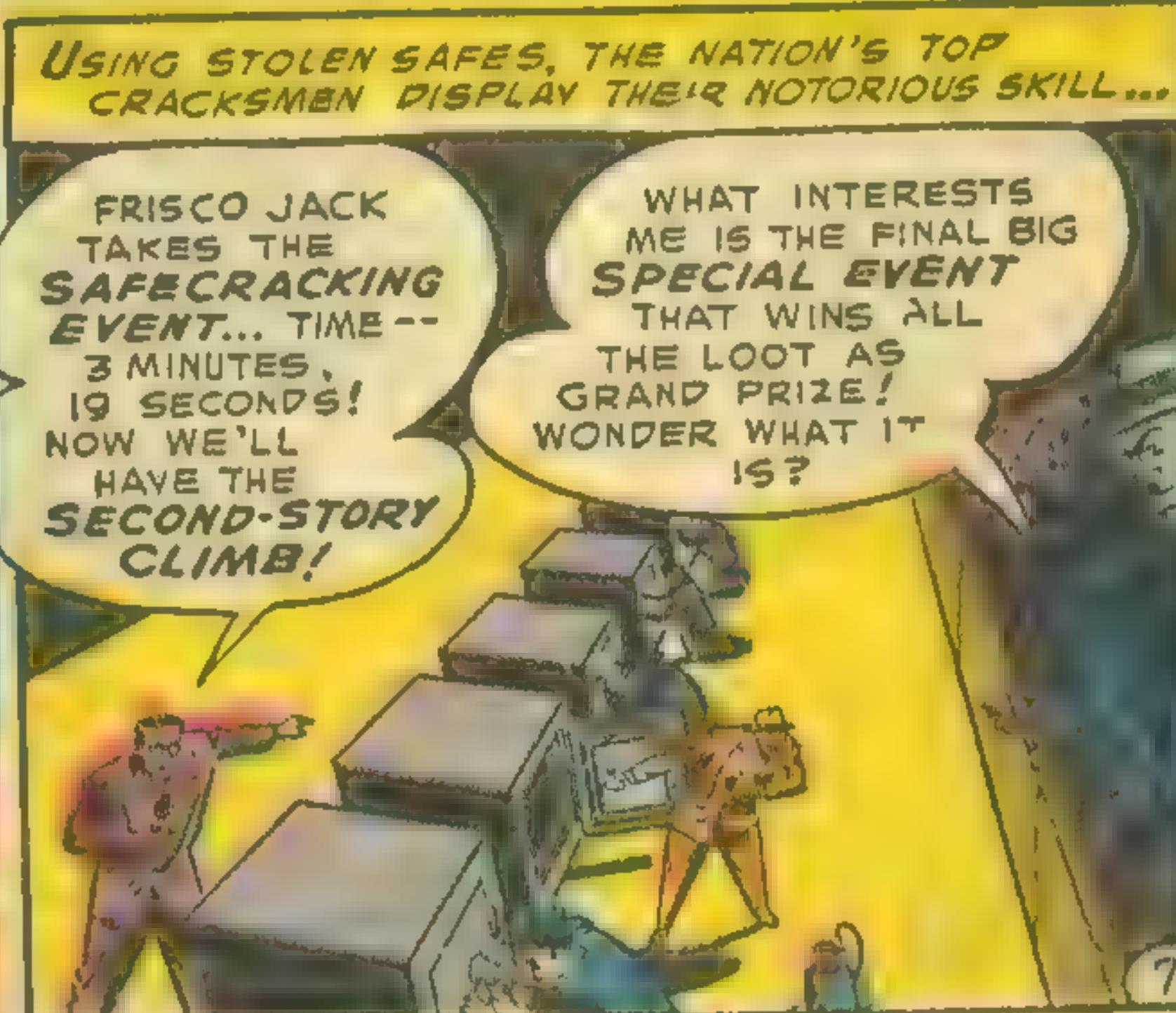
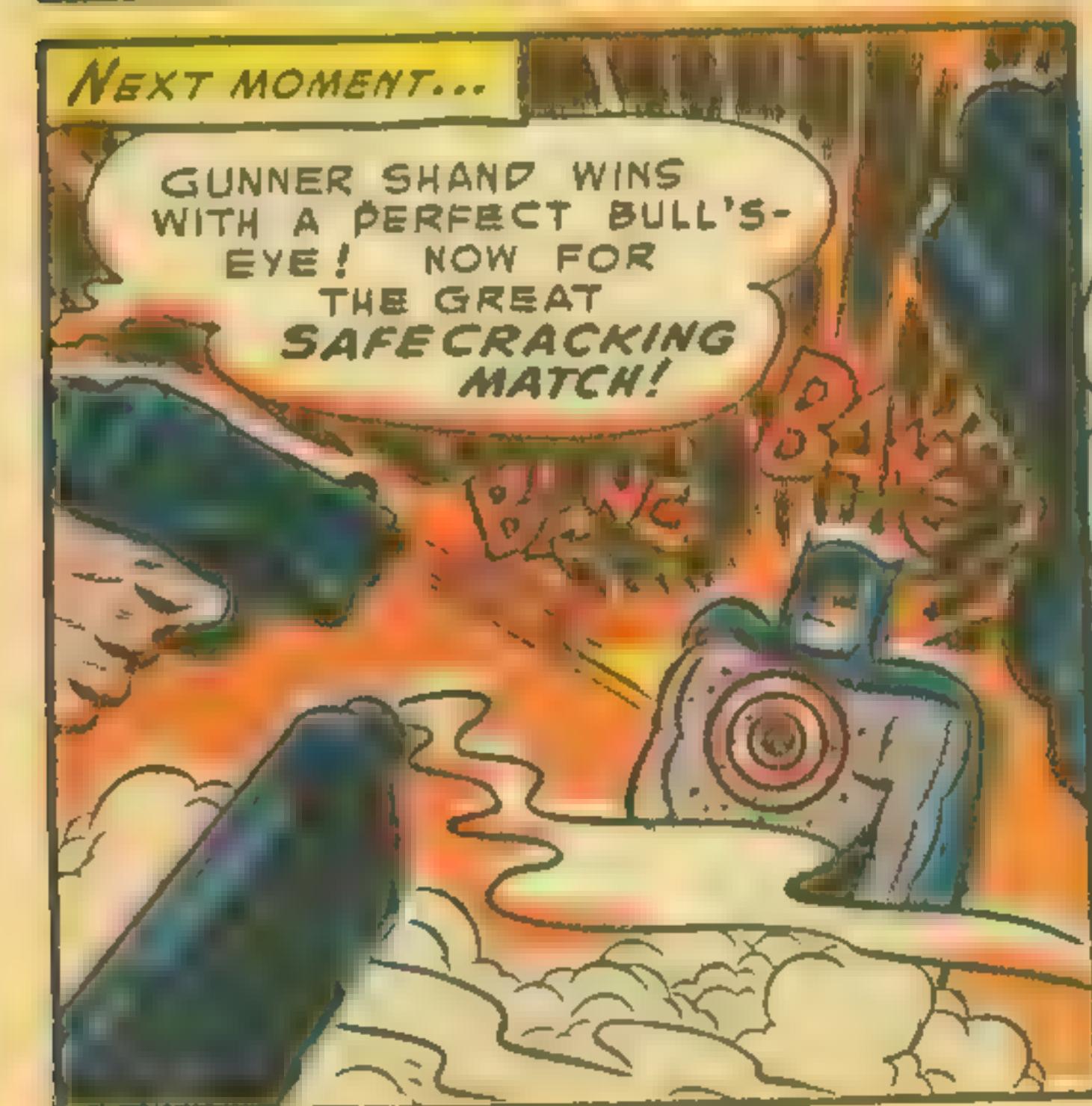
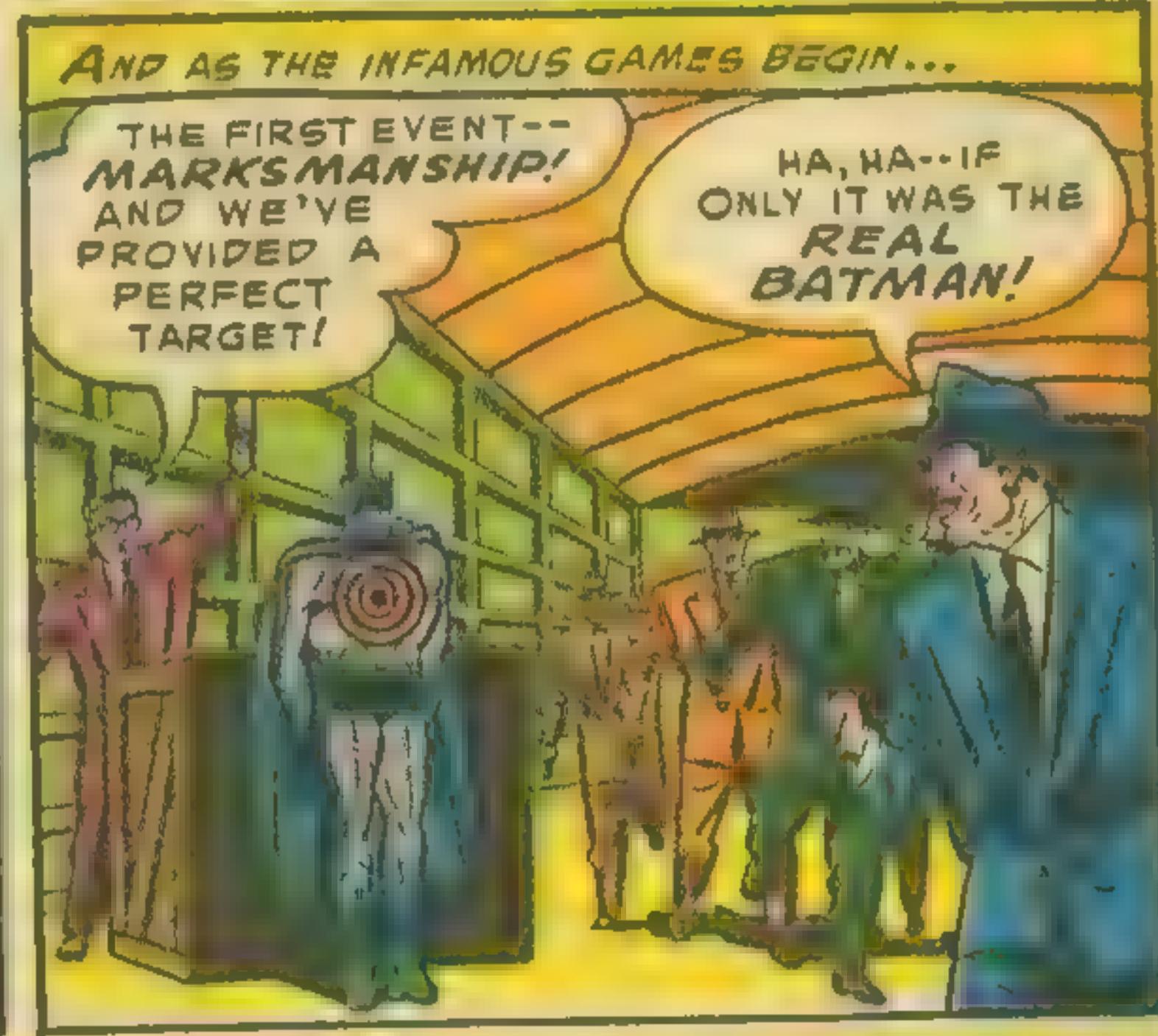
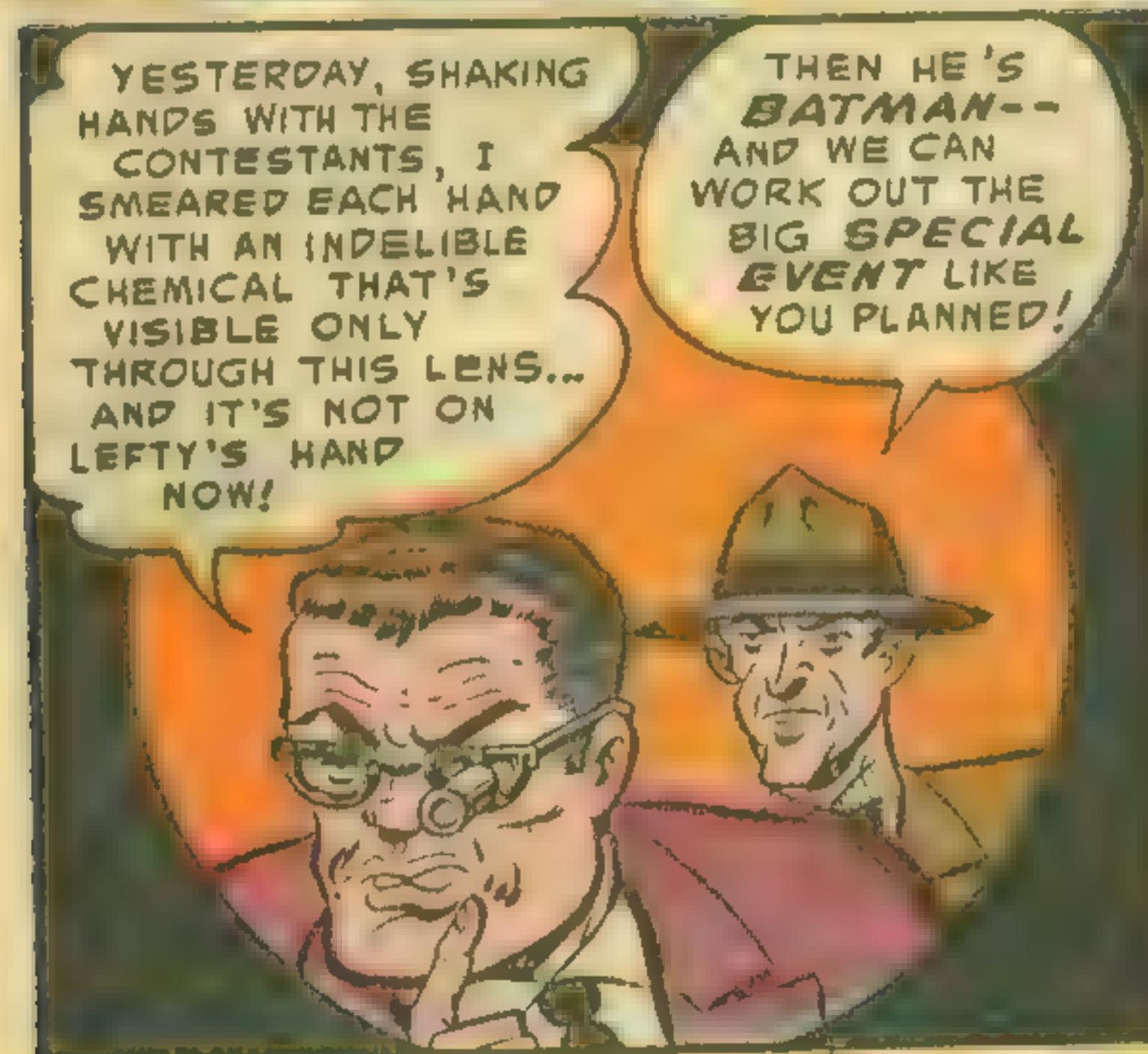
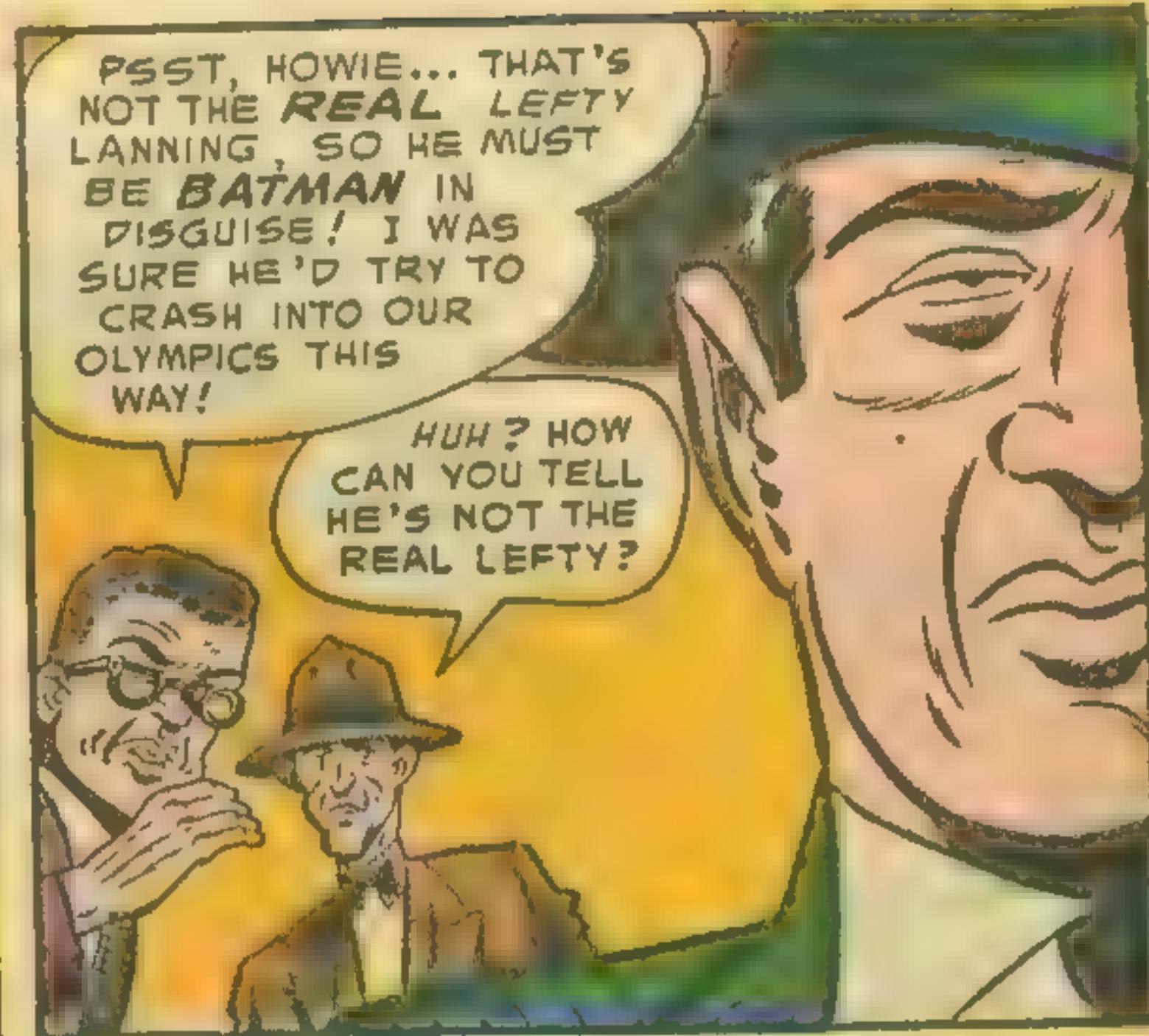
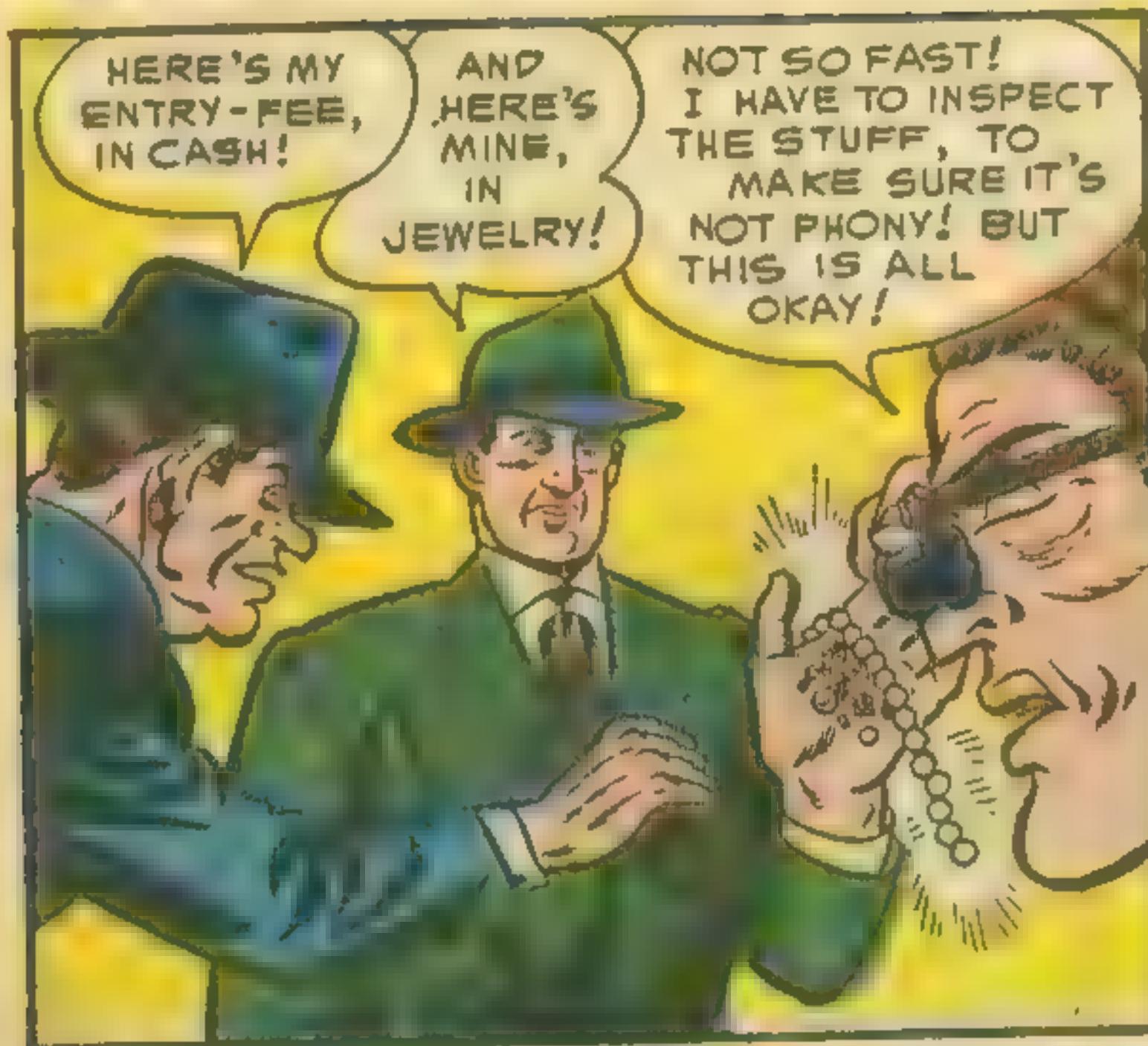
IMPRESSIVE INDEED IS THE SETTING FOR THE GREAT OLYMPIC GAMES OF CRIME...



WE GOTTA PAY OUR ENTRY-FEE TO DIMPLES FIRST! COME ON, LEFTY!



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IT'S IRONIC INDEED WHEN **BATMAN** COMPETES WITH THE WORLD'S BEST SECOND-STORY MEN...

HMM... THAT BIG OVERHEAD CRANE, USED WHEN THIS HANGAR WAS IN OPERATION, MIGHT COME IN HANDY!

LOOK! LEFTY LANNING'S AHEAD! BOY, CAN HE CLIMB!

WINNER OF THE SECOND STORY CLIMB-- LEFTY LANNING! TIME-- 1 MINUTE, 4 SECONDS... A WORLD'S RECORD!

HOORAY FOR LEFTY!

SURE HE CAN CLIMB-- SINCE HE'S REALLY **BATMAN**! BUT WAIT TILL HE GETS IN THE SPECIAL EVENT!

AND AS THE INCREDIBLE UNDERWORLD OLYMPICS CONTINUES...

HOWIE MARDELL WINS THE **SHOPLIFTING MATCH**! HE LIFTED A BABY'S RATTLE WITHOUT MAKING A SOUND!

"FINGERS" FENTON TAKES THE **PICKPOCKET** HONORS! AND NOW FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT, IN WHICH THE WINNERS COMPETE FOR ALL THIS LOOT!

IF I CAN WIN THE SPECIAL EVENT, AND GET THAT LOOT OUT, I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GO INTO ACTION AGAINST THIS CROWD!

BUT THE MYSTERIOUS SPECIAL EVENT IS AS STUNNING A SURPRISE TO BATMAN AS IT IS TO THE CROWD...

THE SPECIAL EVENT IS A CONTEST TO SEE WHO'S BEST AT DETECTING OUR ENEMIES, THE LAWMEN! ONE OF US HERE TONIGHT, WE ARE SURE, IS OUR GREATEST ENEMY, **BATMAN**, IN DISGUISE!

BATMAN? HERE?

WHO IS HE?

WE'LL GET HIM!

WHOMEVER FINDS HIM WINS ALL THE LOOT!

AND THAT'LL BE ME BECAUSE I KNOW WHO HE REALLY IS! DIMPLES AND I WILL SPLIT ALL THAT JACK!

SOMEHOW, HE MUST KNOW I'M **BATMAN**! MUST THINK FAST...

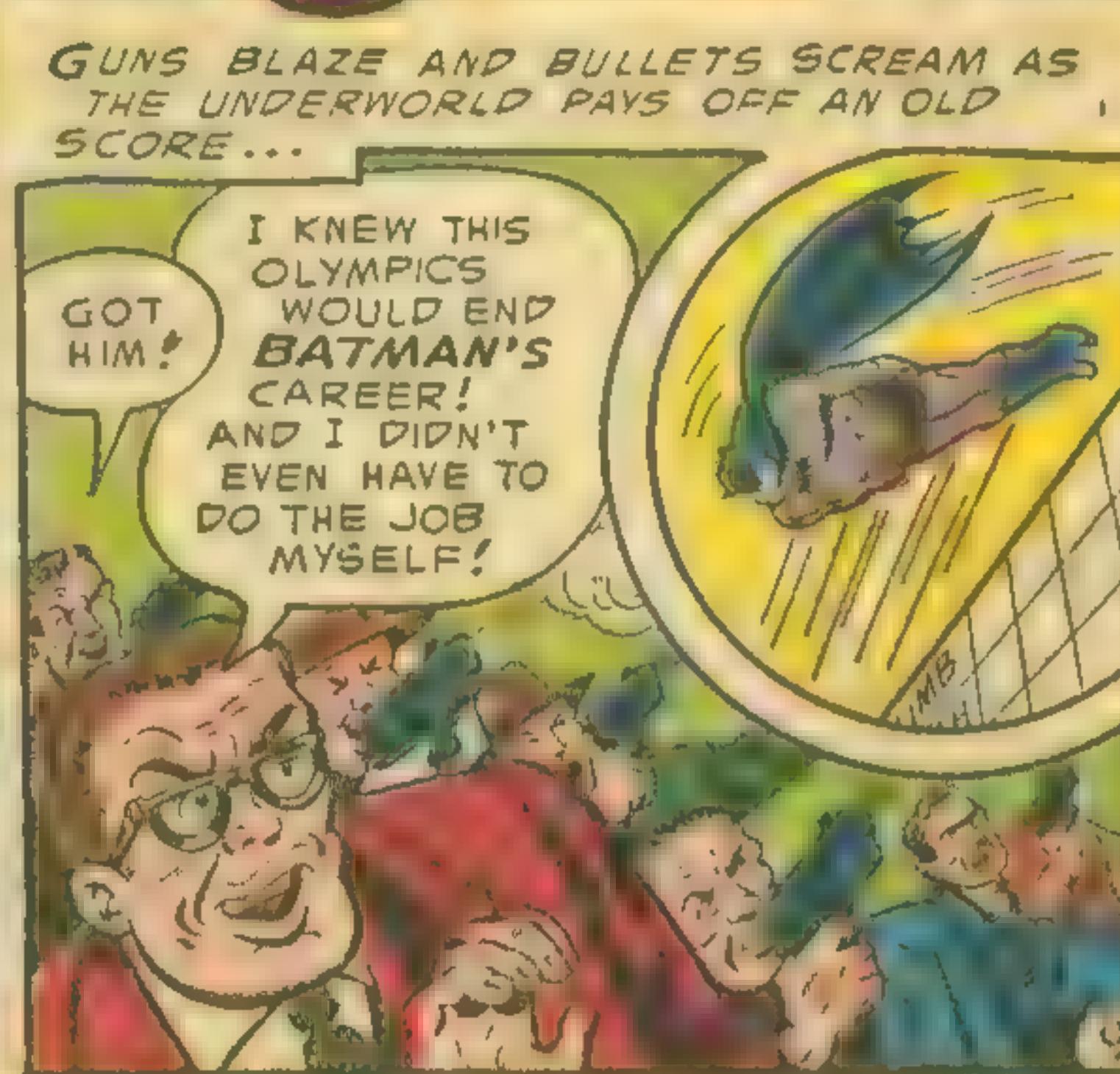
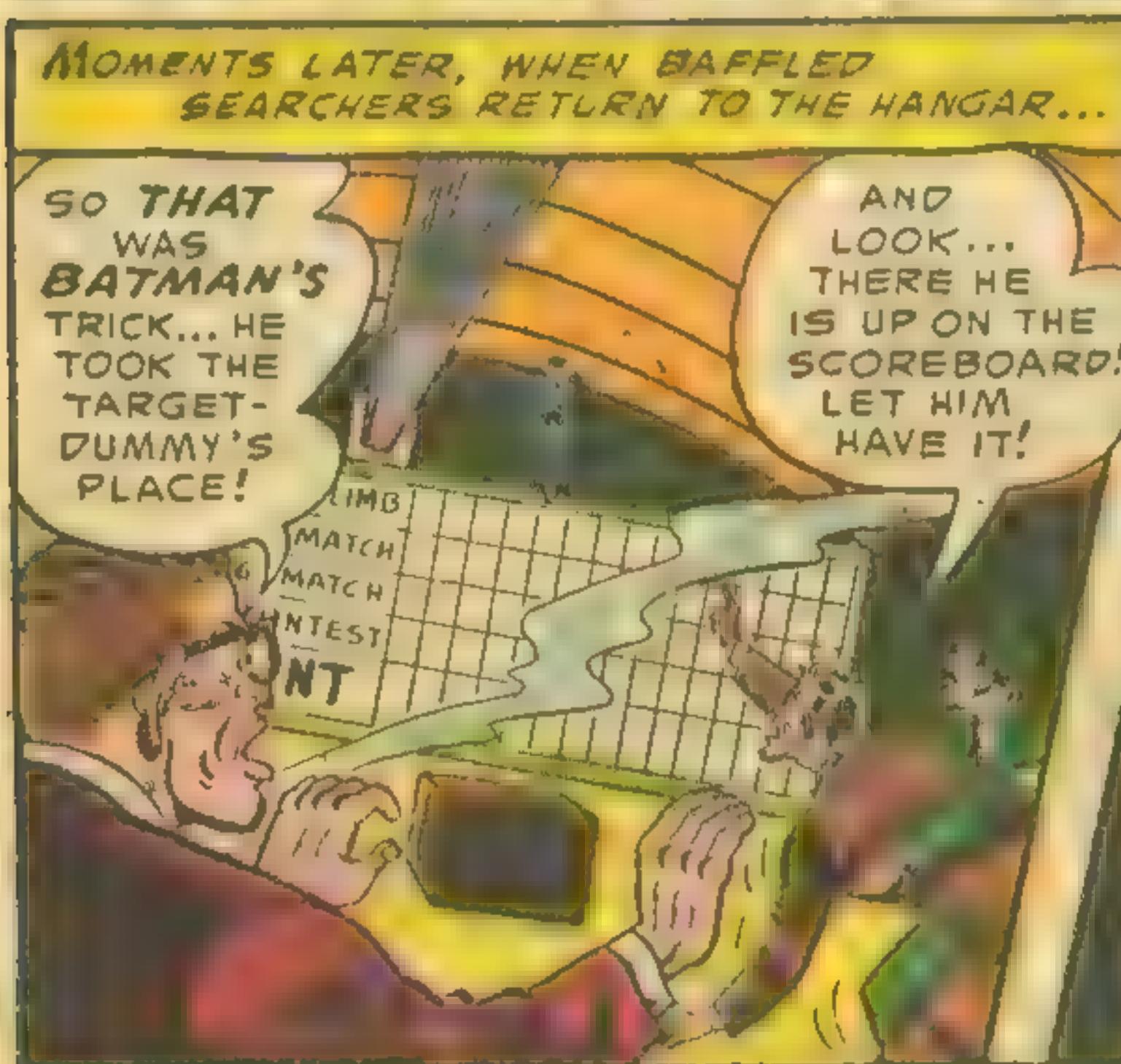
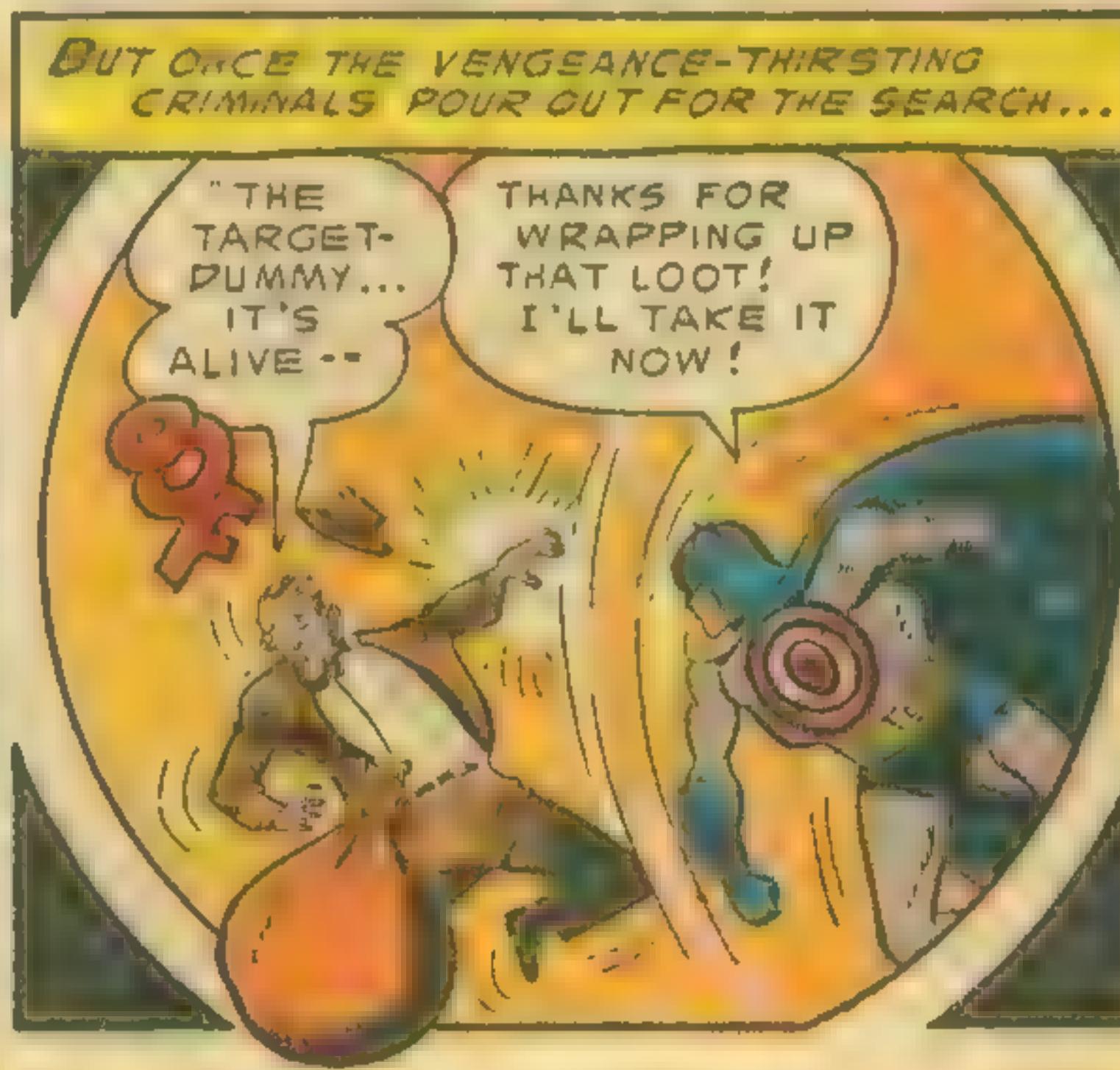
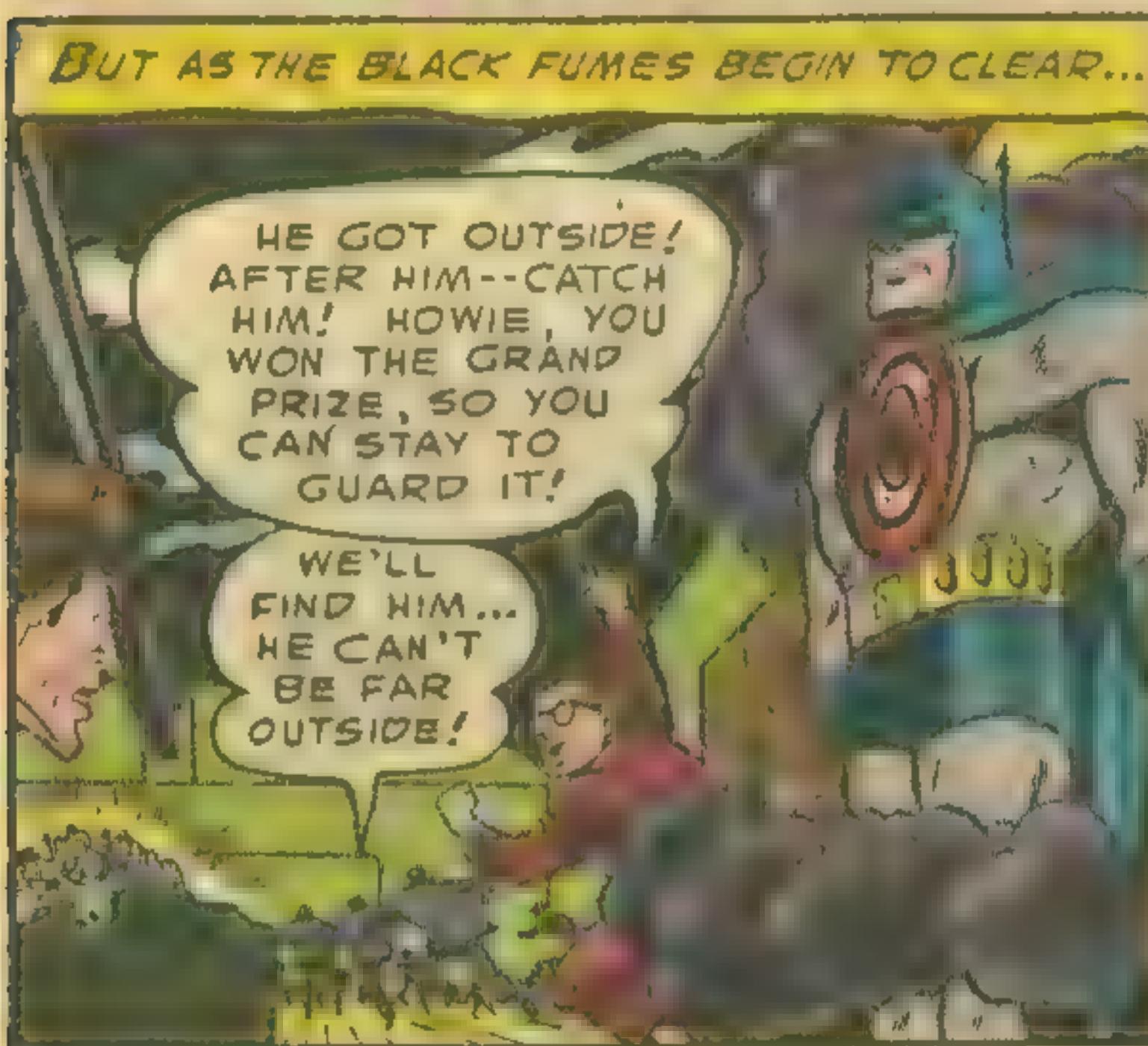
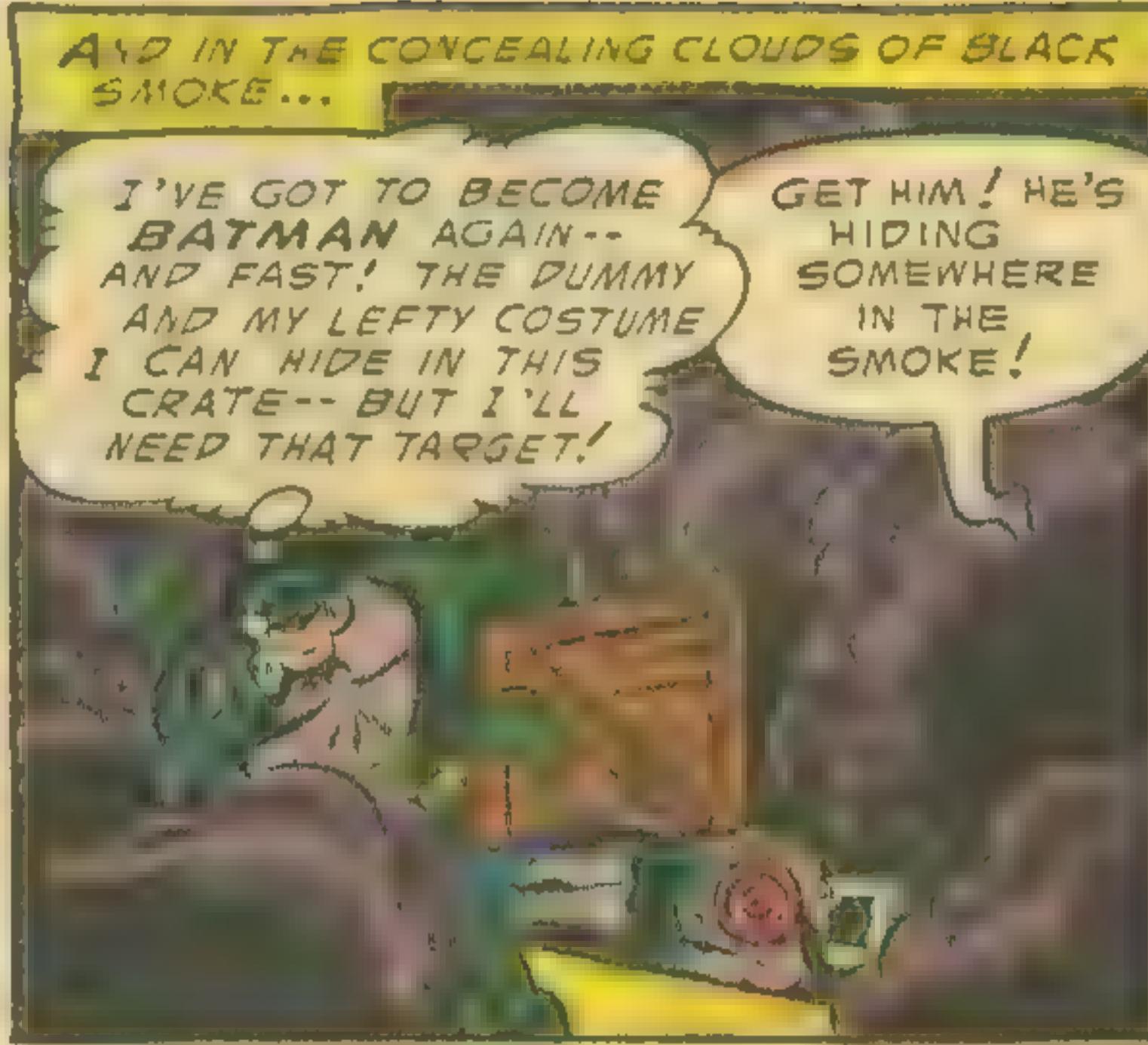
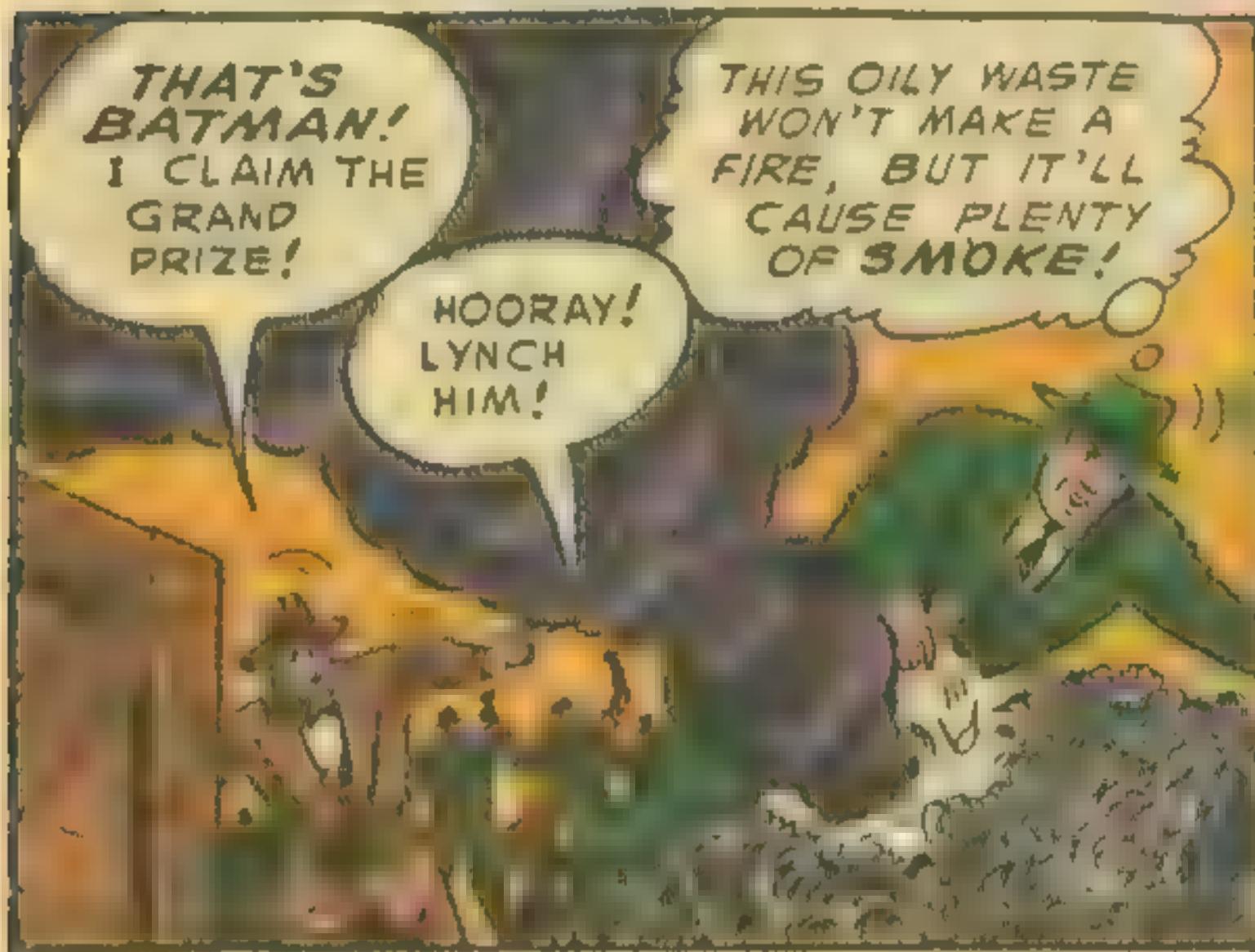




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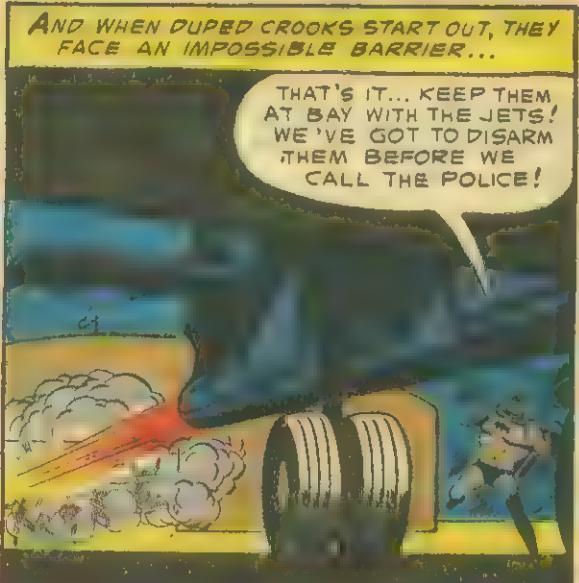
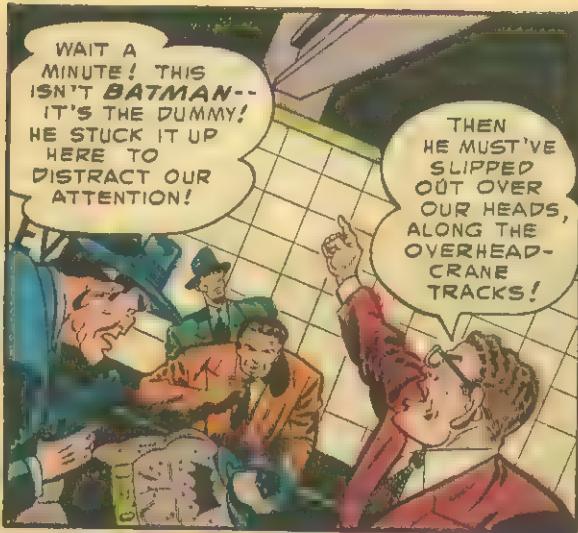


A TENSE SILENCE, AS THE HUNT FOR BATMAN BEGINS, FOLLOWED BY A TRIUMPHANT SHOUT...





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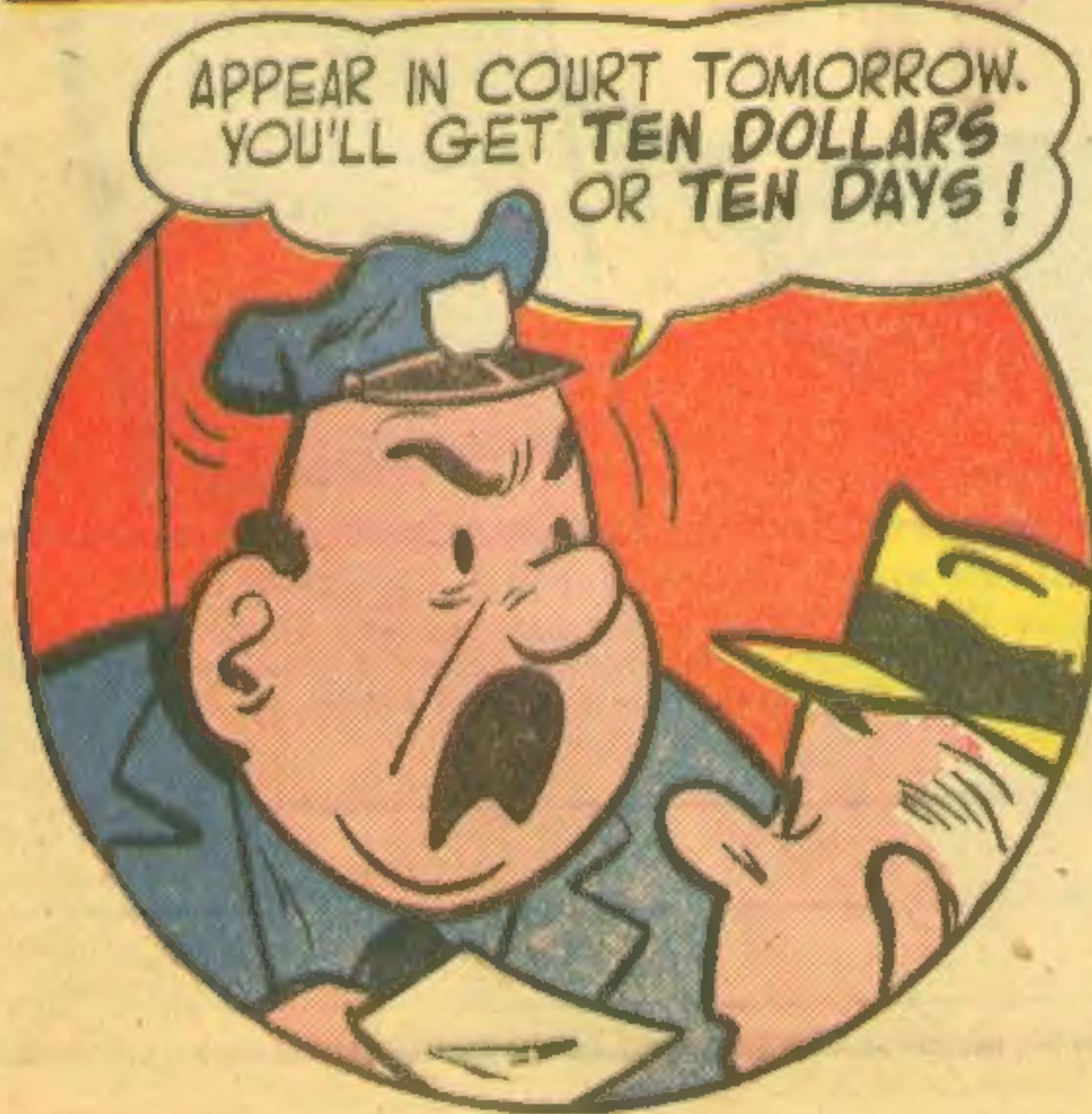


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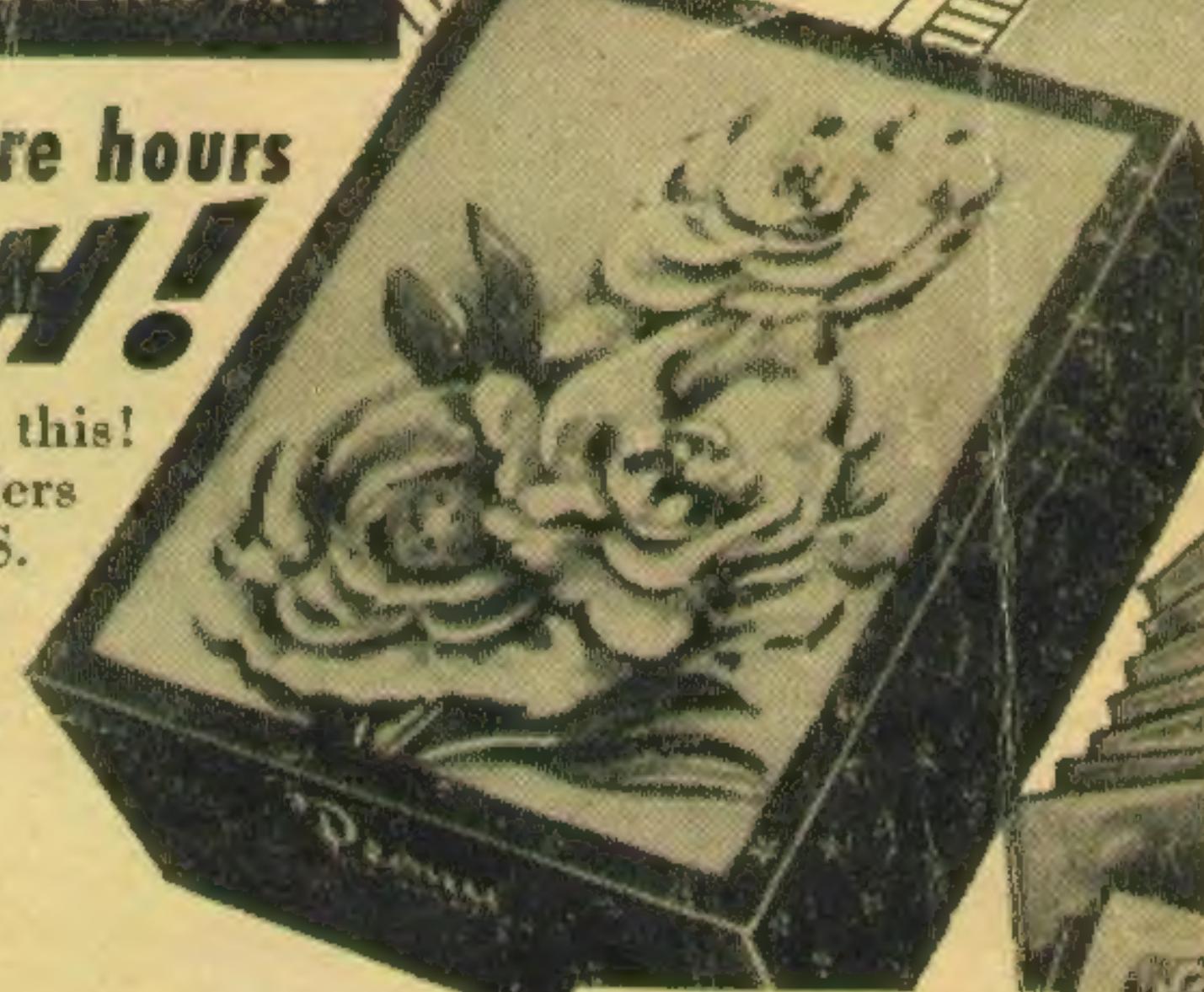
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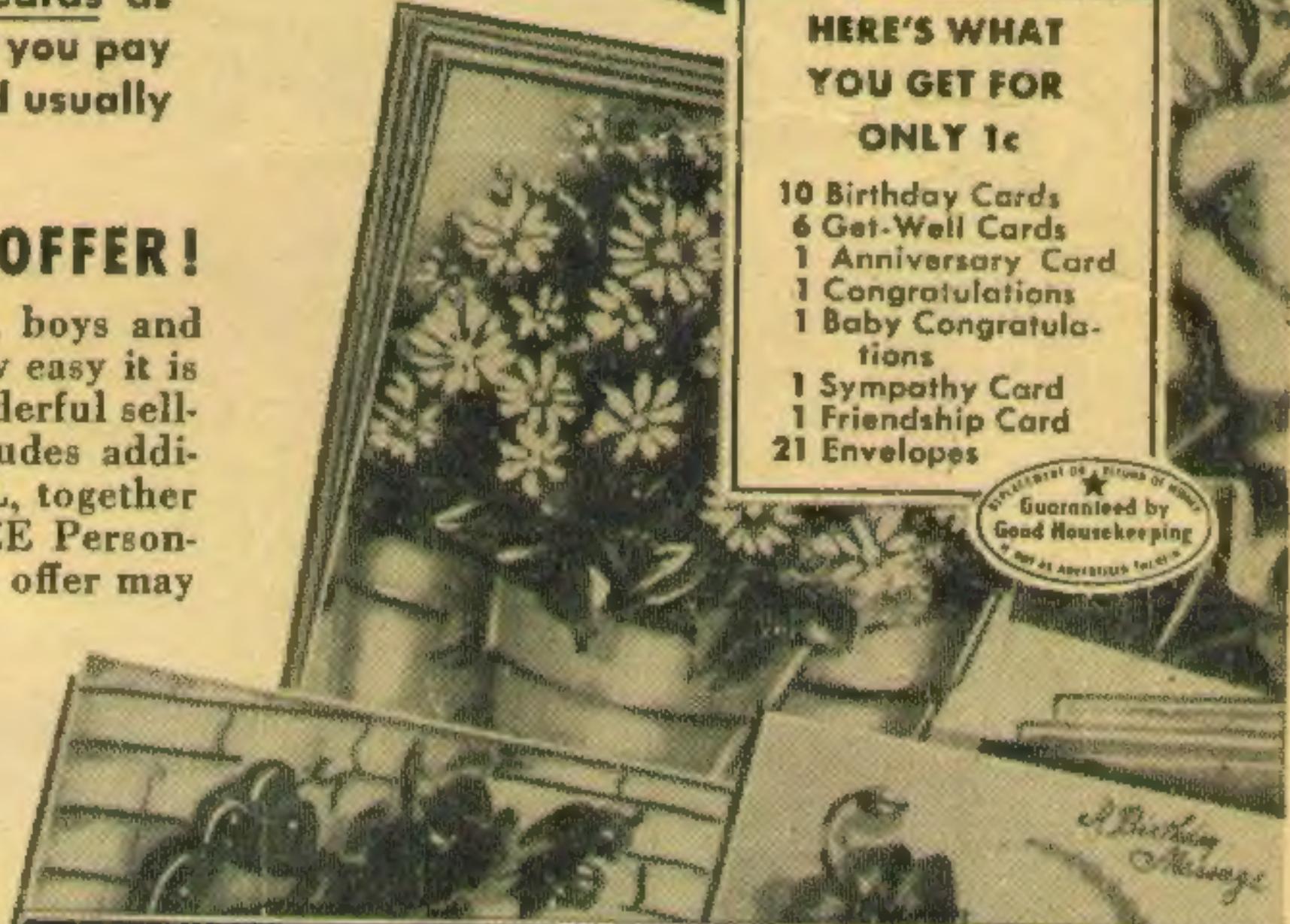
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